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COL STIMSON INSISTS ON FULLEST AID POSSIBLE TO BRITAIN

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UP).—DURING HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO-DAY, COLONEL HENRY STIMSON, SECRETARY OF WAR, OPPOSED PROHIBITING THE DESPATCH OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE WAR ZONES.

HE DECLARED: "NO ONE CAN FORESEE WHAT SITUATIONS MIGHT ARISE IN WHICH IT MIGHT BE MOST ESSENTIAL—IN THE LIGHT OF OUR OWN DEFENCE—THAT OUR COUNTRY SEND WARSHIPS TO THE WAR ZONES. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS COUNTRY, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, SHOULD TIE ITS RIGHT HAND BEHIND ITS BACK."

To this, Rep. Tinkham asked: "Even to keep out of the war?" and Colonel Stimson replied: "I think it would be one of the surest ways to get us into the war, or to leave us open to attack under the most disadvantageous circumstances; so I am in favour of the United States remaining in complete readiness under all circumstances."

Colonel Stimson also opposed the suggestions made by one of the members of the Committee that United States warships be forbidden to engage in convoy duty. He said: "I prefer the Bill as it is; all these things are in the nature of shackles which would be on the nation in a great emergency."

Nonsensical Assumption
After answering questions for Rep. Edith Rogers who asked whether the Bill would empower the President to send the Navy, merchant ships or tankers abroad, Colonel Stimson said: "Conceivably, the power might exist, but the assumption that the President would ever use it to sell the Navy is nonsensical."

Mrs Rogers asked if the Bill would embark the United States on a policy of "policing the world," and the Colonel replied: "Quite to the contrary. I have no more desire that the United States go into the war than you have. I think the Bill would tend for greater safety for this country."

The Colonel said he was determined to Page 2, Column One

Thai Cavalry Mown Down By French In Suicide Charge

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Jan. 17 (UP).—The most serious infantry, naval and aerial actions which have taken place thus far marked the hostilities on Thursday. Large Thai forces, co-operating with tanks attacked between Poipet and Sisophon, forcing the French to withdraw to Sisophon after fierce resistance. The French lost 66 men while the Thais are believed to have lost 600.

French warships in the Gulf of Siam sank two Thai warships and damaged a third one. French planes, taking advantage of the moonlight, heavily bombed Prachinburi, Aranya and Wadhana, all along the railway towards Bangkok where they saw huge fires.

They also reported many direct hits on the important Prachinburi airfield, despite fierce anti-aircraft fire. An American oil man who has just returned from the frontier said: "The border war is more serious than it is realized." He said that on January 13 French machinegunners fired point blank into 400 Thai cavalrymen who were charging; however, the Thais continued the charge despite the fact that the majority of them were killed or wounded.

PEIPING MURDER Japanese Claim Crime Solved

PEIPING, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—The seven-week Japanese "blockade" of Peking ended to-day. The punitive action was put into effect following the murder of a Japanese officer on November 29.

The official proclamation states that now that the assassins have been arrested, all restrictive measures at the city gates would be removed.

Another official statement embodies the indictment of the alleged assassins. One is named Ma Hing-ho, 32, and is represented as being the leader of "Chiang Kai-shek's" action squad in North China who planned the assassination and provided the weapon. Another was Chai Yu-min, the actual murderer, 35. Both men are stated to be northerners and former officers of Chiang Kai-shek's army.

Confessions
The indictment states that they confessed to the crime and will be tried by a Japanese military court. An unspecified number of arrests were made in the same connection. It is considered a fortunate coincidence that restrictions should be lifted just prior to the Chinese New Year of January 27, when the Chinese must return to their homes, and also when there are many important temple festivals outside the city. The Peking public was becoming restive under the blockade.

PILOT'S DESCRIPTION OF HELLISH FLIGHT TO REICH

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers which successfully attacked Wilhelmshaven on Thursday night, struggled to their target through some of the worst weather conditions the winter can produce. Bomb racks, gun turrets and cockpit windows were clogged with ice, and the instruments repeatedly froze up.

The cold was not the only trouble. The aircraft encountered continuous and severe electrical storms. One aircraft was struck by lightning and disabled, while another had its wireless aerial torn away.

Here is the story of the raid told by one of the pilots. "After leaving the base, we climbed up to 7,000 feet and ran into clouds where ice immediately began to form. With a struggle we eventually reached 10,000 feet, but that was not high enough to get out of the clouds. I could not see out of the front screen which was covered with ice. The going was absolutely ghastly. There was an enormous amount of

static about and for two hours blue flames crackled all over the machine.

Plane Full of Flames

"Just before reaching Wilhelmshaven a small flame inside the aircraft was followed by a blinding burst of flame which shot from one end of the aircraft to the other, while blue flames were sparking off the air screws.

"It was the worst electrical storm any of us had ever met. The climax came when the plane was struck. The front turret must have taken the full force of the flash. I could not see for several minutes because the flash had blinded me.

"Then through the windows I saw flame (anti-aircraft fire) coming up, so we bombed the guns and turned for home."

Big Italian Ship Sunk

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—According to the Athens radio, the Italian liners Liguaria, of 15,000 tons, and Lombardina, of 20,000 tons, carrying troops to Albania, were recently torpedoed and sunk in the Adriatic. Italian prisoners were taken by the Greeks.

LATEST

Bomber Fund Flags Sold Out!

So great was the demand for flags sold in the streets this morning for the Bomber Fund, that shortly after 9.30 a.m., the Headquarters Office of the Hongkong War Effort Committee received many telephone calls for more. It was impossible to supply the demand, but cards were hurriedly printed bearing the appeal "Flags Sold Out—But Never Mind—Thank You!"

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Further Late News

CIVILIAN HEROES OF BRITAIN

Defy Blitz To The Death

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Over 50 awards of the George Cross and the George Medal for heroism have been announced to-night. The recipients include doctors, nurses, policemen, members of rescue parties, firemen, telephonists, wardens and night porters from all parts of London and the provinces which felt the stress of the Nazi attacks on non-military objectives.

Has Power To Stand On His Head

But President Roosevelt
Assures He Won't

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UP).—At the press conference to-day President Roosevelt declared that many provisions of the Aid to Britain Bill were designed solely to protect America in a world situation which is shifting every 24 hours. He indicated that he has no desire to revise the measure.

He said that the conjectures that the Bill might enable him to purchase the British fleet in the event that England being defeated were of the "cow jumped over the moon" speculation, and he further chided the opponents of the Bill by declaring that it contains no provision forbidding the President from standing on his head but despite this, the President of the United States had no intention of standing on his head.

He said that the same rule applied to the talk of selling the United States Navy. The President affirmed Mr. Joseph Kennedy's right to make a frank broadcast on Saturday night, but he

All risked death from bombs, falling masonry or burst gas and water mains while helping to maintain services or to rescue victims trapped in the wreckage. Albert Ernest Dolphin, a hospital porter of New Cross, London, and John Miles, A.R.P. Warden of Ilford, were awarded the George Cross posthumously.

Dolphin deliberately gave his life to rescue a nurse. Miles disregarded a warning of an imminent explosion to warn people in houses.

The George Medal awards include a Doctor, a matron, a nurse and others who displayed magnificent courage during the ruthless bombing of London hospitals, as well as at Coventry.

One O.B.E. hero, Edward Channing, A.R.P. Warden, handicapped by an artificial arm and a wound, cleared debris and rescued a woman and baby while bombs were falling.

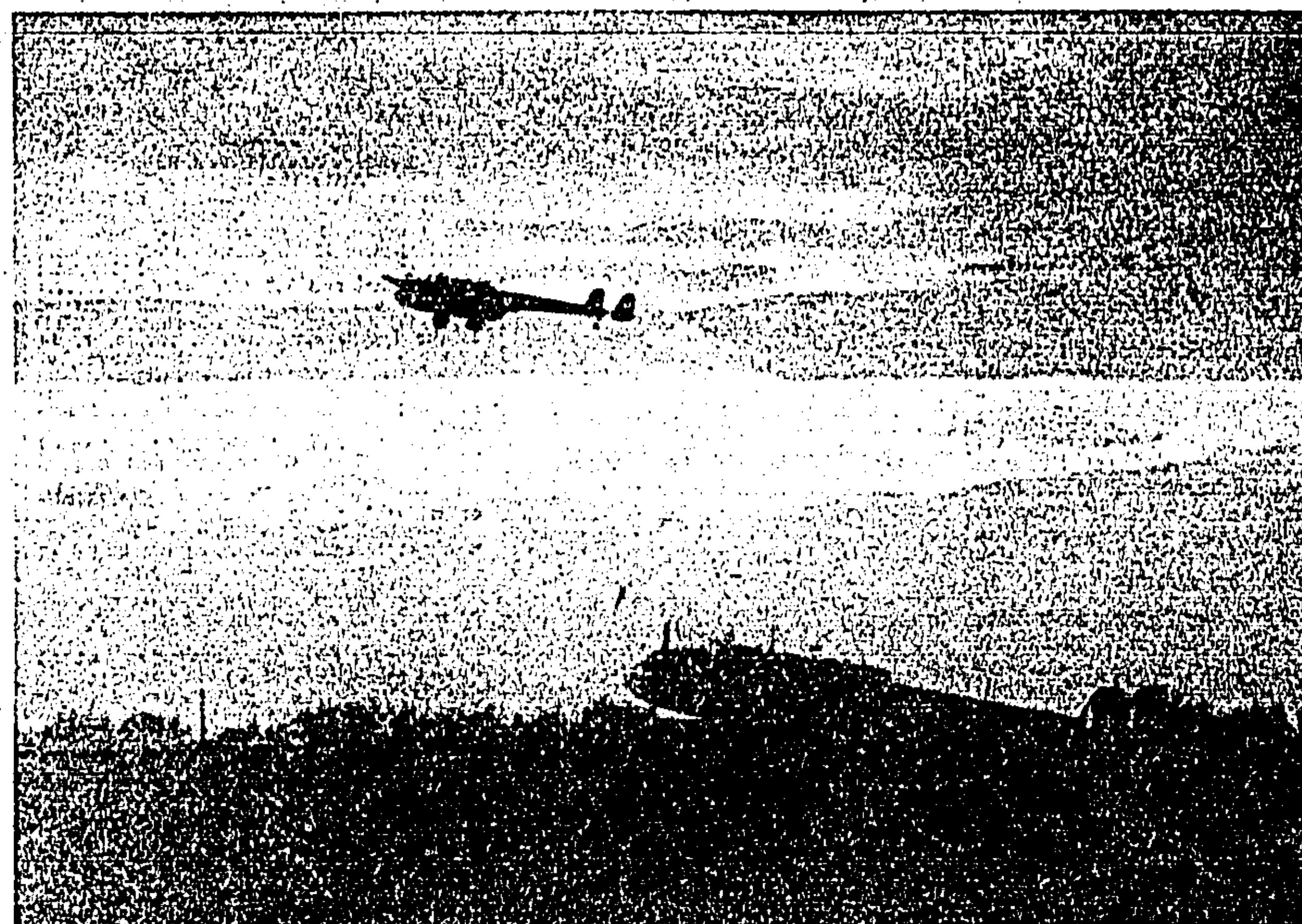
Resume Duties

According to to-day's Government "Gazette," the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, resumed duty as Director of Public Works on January 10, 1941. It was also notified that Mr. W. J. E. Mackenzie resumed duty as Colonial Veterinary Surgeon on the same day.

It was suggested that the public await the actual speech before making judgment regarding Mr. Kennedy's attitude towards the Bill.

START AND FINISH OF RAID ON GERMANY

These two interesting pictures—the first of their kind taken during the present war—show an R.A.F. bombing machine taking off in the sunset for a long flight raid on Germany, and the return of the same machine many hours later following a successful attack. In the larger photograph can be seen a second British plane ready to take off on the same mission.



GERMAN AND U.S. FLEETS COMPARED

America's Dependence On The British Navy Is Revealed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—A striking comparison of the naval strength of the United States and the Axis was made by Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, when urging the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill to-day.

Throughout the next three years, he said, figures showed that the United States Navy would be outnumbered by the Axis fleets in every fleet category from battleships to submarines.

Although the United States would probably commission 100 warships during the next two years, the Axis fleets in the same period would be strengthened by the addition of 304 new units.

He forecast that the greatest increase in Axis strength would be in submarines. In Colonel Knox's estimation, the present Axis undersea fleet numbered 284 but by 1943 the Axis would have 500 submarines.

Tribute To British Navy

Paying powerful tribute to the protection which the Royal Navy afforded to the United States, Colonel Knox said: "If the United States does not wish to face the consequences of a TURN to Page 2, Column Six

R.A.F. Bomb The Channel Ports

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—British bombers are reported to have carried out a daylight attack this afternoon on German invasion bases on the French coast.

People in a Kent coastal town saw a formation of British bombers flying out across the mist-shrouded sea unescorted by fighters and flying at a great height. Soon afterwards a rumble of heavy explosions could be heard and continued almost unbroken for some time.

15 General Holidays

This Year's Calendar

To-day's Government "Gazette" publishes the School and General Holidays which will be observed during 1941. Fifteen general holidays are itemised, being one less than last year.

A School Holiday, will fall on Empire Day, Saturday, May 24 and apart from mentioning every Sunday and the New Year's Day, the list of General Holidays is as follows:

Monday, January 27.—Chinese New Year's Day.
Tuesday, January 28.—The first week-day following Chinese New Year's Day.
Friday, April 11.—Good Friday.
Saturday, April 12.—The day following Good Friday.
Monday, April 14.—Easter Monday.
Monday, June 2.—Whit Monday.
Thursday, June 12.—The birthday of His Majesty the King, unless it shall be ordered by the Governor, by an order published in the "Gazette," that His Majesty's Birthday is to be kept on some other day, and then, such other day.
Tuesday, July 1.—The first week-day in July.
Monday, August 4.—The first Monday in August.
Monday, October 6.—Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Day.
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Chinese Army Revolts Against Chungking

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Jan. 17 (UP).—The National Military Council to-day revealed that Commander Yieh Ting of the new Fourth Route Army has been arrested and is awaiting tribunal action. Deputy Commander Hang Yang is still at large, while the Army has been disbanded and the revolt suppressed.

It is said that Commander Yieh Ting was ambitiously attempting to increase his own troops and that he attacked the Central Government troops, including the 40th division. He prepared at length for a revolt. Although he openly acknowledged receipt of a Government

order to move his troops northward across the Yangtze River, he requested a mobilisation fund of 500,000 yuan and 500,000 rounds of ammunition; however, he delayed the evacuation.

The Government's stern action is generally approved here. The Com- TURN to Page 2, Column Two

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COL STIMSON INSISTS ON AID

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Colonel Stimson, who is decidedly dissatisfied with the progress of the defence programme.

Further Testimony

Representative John Vorys asked Colonel Stimson: "Should we have a definite, formal and binding agreement regarding the disposition of the British fleet before we embark on this programme?" Colonel Stimson replied: "That question was considered very carefully last summer. We asked for, and were given, the strongest assurance that one democracy can give another."

He referred to the British assurance that the fleet would not surrender and might, under extreme circumstances, be based on the American continent. He added, however, that nothing can be impervious to war. "That is why I feel it is important to prevent Britain from being brought to the breaking point where it might violate all law."

Preposterous And Fantastic

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Mr Henry L. Stimson, Secretary for War, said that the suggestion that the Lease and Lend Bill was so drawn as to permit the purchase by the United States of the British and French navies was "preposterous and fantastic."

Mr Stimson was continuing his evidence before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to-day.

Declaring that no American President had ever pushed the country into war, Mr Stimson said that Congress could safely vest in President Roosevelt the broad responsibility proposed in the Bill, including the President's discretion in determining which nations the United States might aid.

Necessary Aid

Mr Stimson, replying to enquiries by a Representative, gave his opinion that the Lease and Lend Bill would not lead the United States into war. The questioner asked whether the aid envisaged in the Bill was necessary to prevent the defeat of Great Britain.

Mr Stimson replied, "I think it very probable."

A Democratic Representative asked: "Is it your opinion that sooner or later, if Britain falls, we would be in the war with our loans and our manpower?"

Mr Stimson replied: "That is my opinion."

Previously Mr Stimson had rejected as "dangerous" a suggestion that the broad powers proposed for Mr Roosevelt should be vested in a Board or Commission, but said that he had no objection to a limit of two years on the President's exercise of these powers.

Mr Stimson told the Committee, "I am apprehensive with regard to the possibility of credits within 60 or at least 90 days."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DUTABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE

The attention of all owners of soda fountains is drawn to an order published to-day under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance. The effect of this order is that soda fountains become factories under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance. Owners of soda fountains are requested to register their premises within 7 days.

E. W. HAMILTON,
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January 16, 1941.

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CHINESE ARMY REVOLTS

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Commander of the third war area, Ku Chiu Tung, was responsible for the successful suppression of the revolt. Members of the Fourth Route Army delayed moving for almost six months but sent their families across the Yangtze River recently, prior to attacking the 40th division and launching an elaborate plan to control the China coast extending to Chekiang, Kiangsu and Shanghai. The Military Council spokesman said that the Fourth Route Army was disarmed owing to their defiance to military orders and also for staging the revolt. He emphasized that the High Command was forced to take the action which was entirely a question of military discipline. He said that the Ninth Army, which was south of the Yangtze River in December, had been moved northward, and was continuing in that direction until they cross the Yellow River at the end of January for operations against the Japanese.

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Wheeler's Demand

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Continuing his fight against President Roosevelt's "British Aid" Bill, the isolationist Senator Burton Wheeler demanded that President Roosevelt should publish all reports from his ambassadors to London and Paris (Mr Joseph P. Kennedy and Mr William C. Bullitt) before the present war.

Senator Wheeler, who talked with Mr Kennedy last night after the latter had visited the President, suggested to-day that the reports would provide valuable information in considering the Lease and Lend Bill.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (GARDEN ROAD)

2nd Sunday after Epiphany (Centenary Sunday)

8 a.m. Holy Communion (Communicants Fellowship) and in the Peak Church; 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon (Broadcast) Preacher: The Dean, 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion; 6.15 p.m. Evensong and Sermon; 7.30 p.m. Choral Vespers. All are invited to attend the Social Hour after the Evensong in the Cathedral Hall. The Holy Communion is celebrated on Thursday 7.30 a.m. and Friday 7.45 a.m. (in Cantonese).

Monday 8 p.m. Adoration in the Cathedral Hall.

Thursday 10.15 p.m. Sick Intercessions.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

Rev. Cyril Brown to Preach At Choral Eucharist

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Services: 9.45 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon. Preacher: The Reverend Cyril Brown, M.A., Chaplain of the Mission to Seamen, Hongkong, Hyman: Processional and 3rd City of God. Gradual: 4th Jeru the very Thought of Thee (Tune App. 63); Offertory: 4th All to the Lord's anointed. V. 1, 2, 6. Recessional: 3rd All Hail the Power of Jesus Name. 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Communion: 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Tuesday, Jan. 21—V.D.M.A. Annual Meeting (Christ Church Branch) 9 p.m. in the Vicarage.

Wednesday, Jan. 22—4.30 p.m. Wolf-cub.

Thursday, Jan. 23—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Meeting of the Guild of Martha and Mary in the Vicarage.

Friday, Jan. 24—9 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Guild of Martha and Mary in the Vicarage.

Saturday, Jan. 25—Conversion of St. Paul. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

House Committee Meeting On Wednesday

Services on Sunday, January 19

Evening, Rev. J. E. Sandbach. Morning Service at 10.15 a.m.—Hyman No. 109, Prayer, Hyman No. 514, First Lesson, Hyman No. 21, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hyman No. 450, Sermon, Hyman No. 600, Benediction. Evening Service at 7 p.m.—Hyman No. 109, Prayer, Hyman No. 514, First Lesson, Hyman No. 21, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hyman No. 450, Sermon, Hyman No. 600, Benediction. At the Sunday Evening Service Miss Elvie Yuen will be the soloist.

Following the Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed.

A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at the S. & S. Home on Tuesday at 8.30 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday at the S. & S. Home—Ladiminton Club at 7 p.m.

Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. House Committee meets at the S. & S. Home.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Sunday, January 19—Morning Worship 10.30 a.m. Rev. E. Sandbach. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. E. Moreton.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST (31, MACDONNELL ROAD)

Service on Sunday, January 19

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in an Christian Science churches to-morrow will be "Life."

The Golden Text will be: "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." (Revelation 21: 6, 7)

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." (Acts 17: 24, 25)

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book: "Science, and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Life is Mind, the creator reflected in his creations. Mortal man can never escape from the material, but he can be free in his mind, and death, until he knows that Life is the only Life. We should consecrate our mind not to 'the unknown God' whom we 'ignorantly worship' but to the eternal Father, the ever-living Father, to the Life which mortal sense cannot impair nor mortal belief destroy." (Science and Health, Pages 231, 232, 429)

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.) No. 31, Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, 1.30 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church building and open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL (CAINE ROAD)

Memorial Service for the Late Lord Baden Powell

January 19, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Papal Day

Morning services—1st Mass at 8 with sermon in Chinese; 2nd Mass at 9 solemn High Mass; 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English. Evening services—At 3 Memorial Service to the late Lord Baden Powell, Chief Scout, by the Catholic Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Hongkong. The Rev. Fr. George Byrne S.J., President of the Catholic Boy Scouts, at 4 recitation of the Holy Rosary, sermon on the Papal Day by Rev. Fr. J. Craig S.J., and Benediction.

January 22—Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 1.30 p.m.

On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30. Confessions morning and evening.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (215, NATIAN ROAD)

Sunday—11 a.m. Morning Worship. Preacher: Rev. J. Steiner; 3 p.m. Sunday School; Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Classes both in Good Room. Teachers: Mr and Mrs. Ancl Nance; 7.30 p.m. Evening Song Service followed by a Message. Speaker: Mrs. Ancl Nance. Monday—7.30 p.m. Soldiers' and Air-men's Christian Association. Tuesday—10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at 9, Hill Wood Road. Teacher: Mrs. Lillian Giff. Topic: Book of Ezekiel. 7.30 p.m. Young People's Club. Wednesday—8 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Thursday—10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at 9, Hill Wood Road. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting at 9, Hill Wood Road. Friday—4.30 p.m. Children's Story Hour at 9, Hill Wood Road. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting at 9, Hill Wood Road. Saturday—9.30 a.m. and Friday Evening Bible Study Classes as usual.

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15 General Holidays

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Friday, October 10.—The tenth day of October.

Tuesday, November 11.—Armistice Day.

Thursday, December 25.—Christmas Day.

Friday, December 26.—The Twentieth day of December.

Courts Excluded

In connection with the list of

holidays, it is announced that His

Excellency the Officer Administering

the Government has been pleased to

exclude the Magistrates from the

operation of the Holidays Ordinance,

1912, Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, on

January 28, April 12, April 14, June

2, July 1, August 4, October 6,

November 11 and December 25.

The Impôts and Exports Depart-

ment will be open for the purposes

of Revenue collection and issue of

permits only from 9 a.m. to noon on

all the above days, except Sundays,

Chinese New Year's Day, Good

Friday, October 10 and Christmas

Day.

Price Of Petrol Not Affected

The present price of petrol, \$1.80

per gallon, is not affected by the

increased duties on hydrocarbon oils

announced in the Government

Gazette Extraordinary on Thursday.

The announcement revoked the

Legislative Council Resolution of

July last year which increased the

duty on light oils from 60 cents to

80 cents, and reintroduced it with

the addition of an increase of from

to 40 cents duty on heavy oils

to be used as fuel for any heavy

oil road traffic and a tax of 10

cents on other hydrocarbon oils

which had previously not been tax-

ed. The petrol tax remains the

same, 80 cents.

UNIVERSITY CEREMONY

On Monday, January 20 at 5.30 p.m.

His Excellency the Acting Governor,

as Acting Chancellor, will hold a Con-

gregation in Hongkong University,

followed by a meeting of the Court

of the University.

German And U.S. Fleets Compared

FROM PAGE ONE

establishment in South America of an

aggressive military power, we should

now prevent Germany from over-

turning British seapower which holds

the Nazis in Europe."

Colonel Knox expressed the opinion

that if Germany became free to move

across the ocean for the conquest of

new territories, it was most probable

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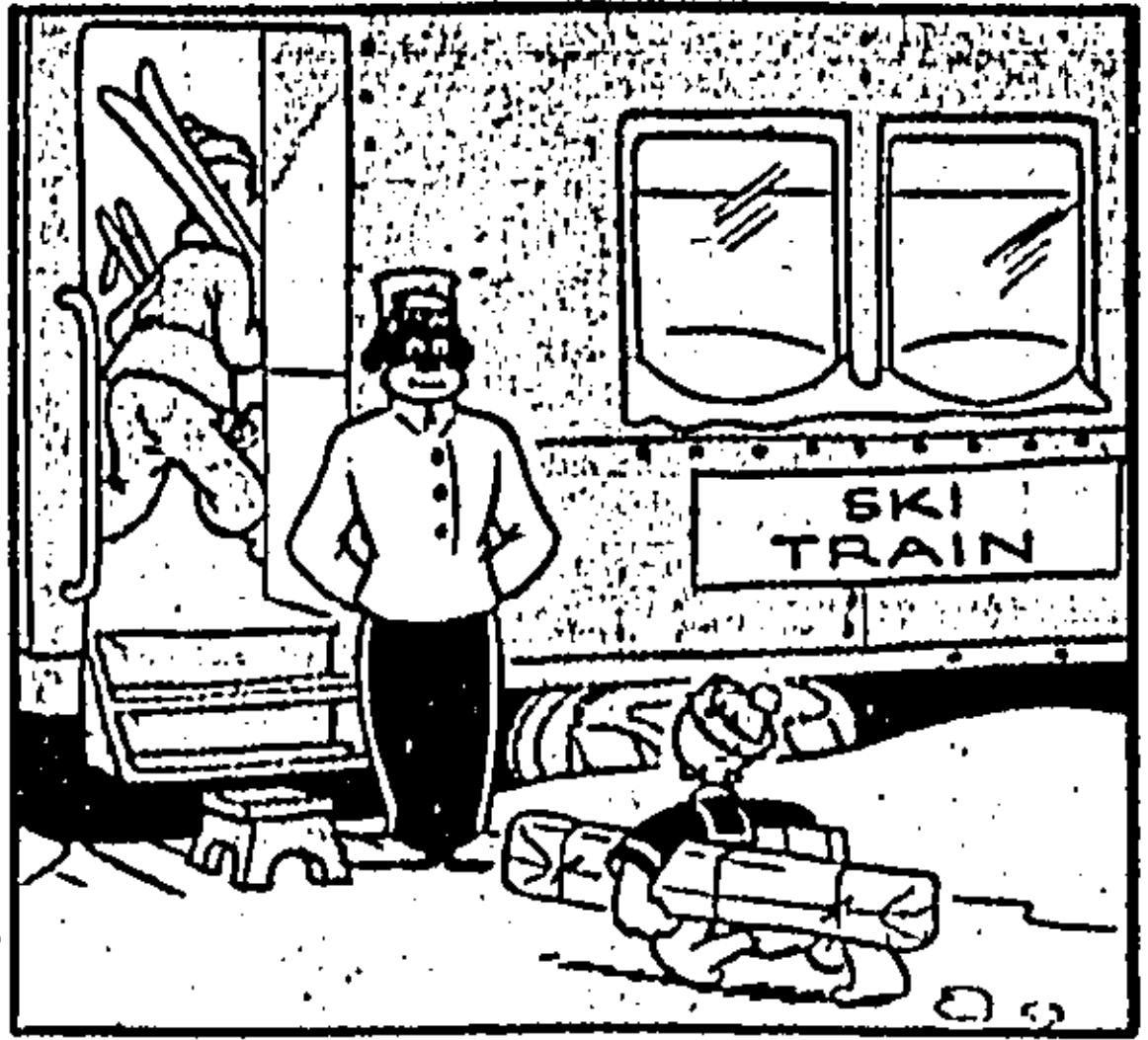
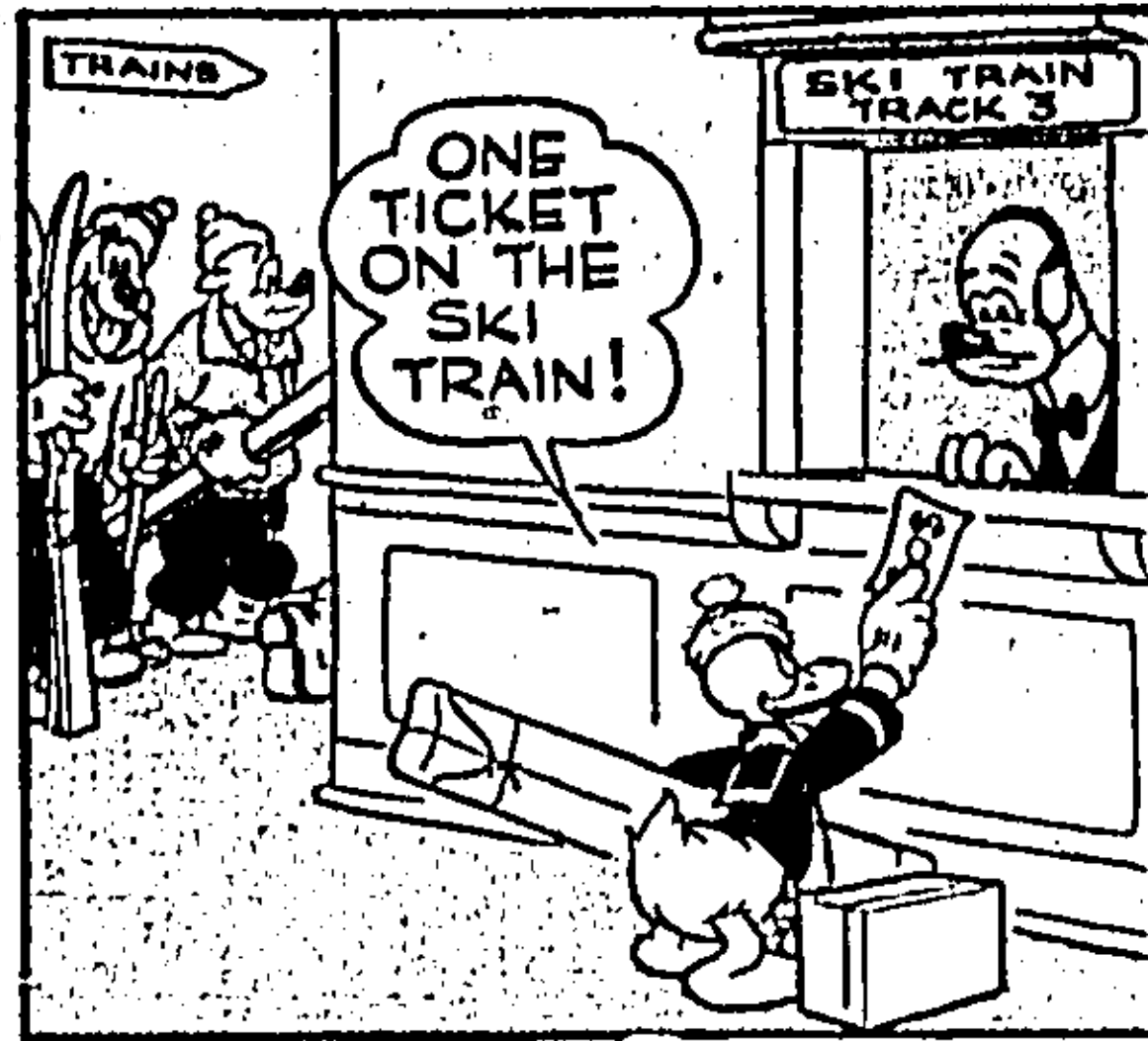
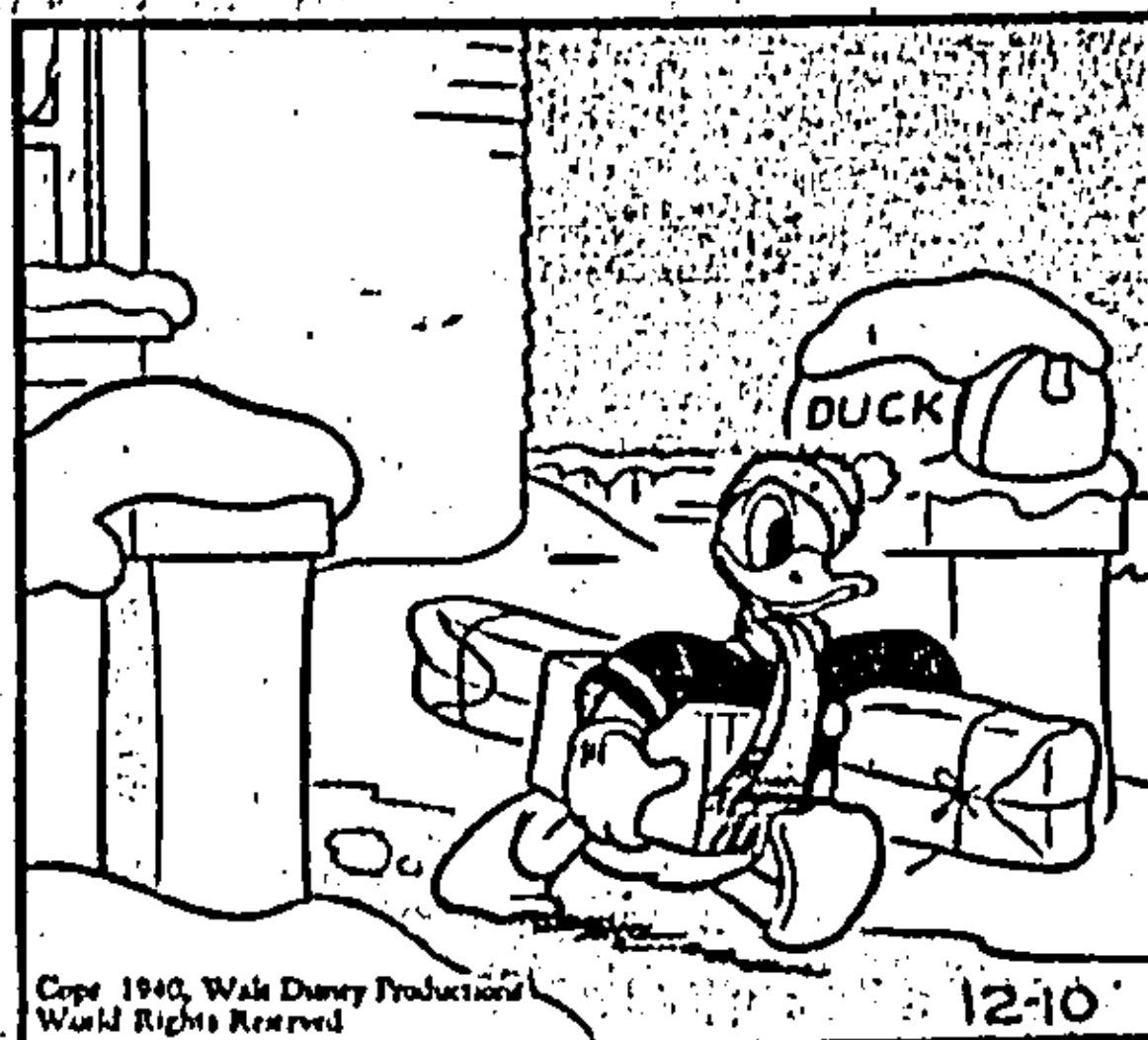
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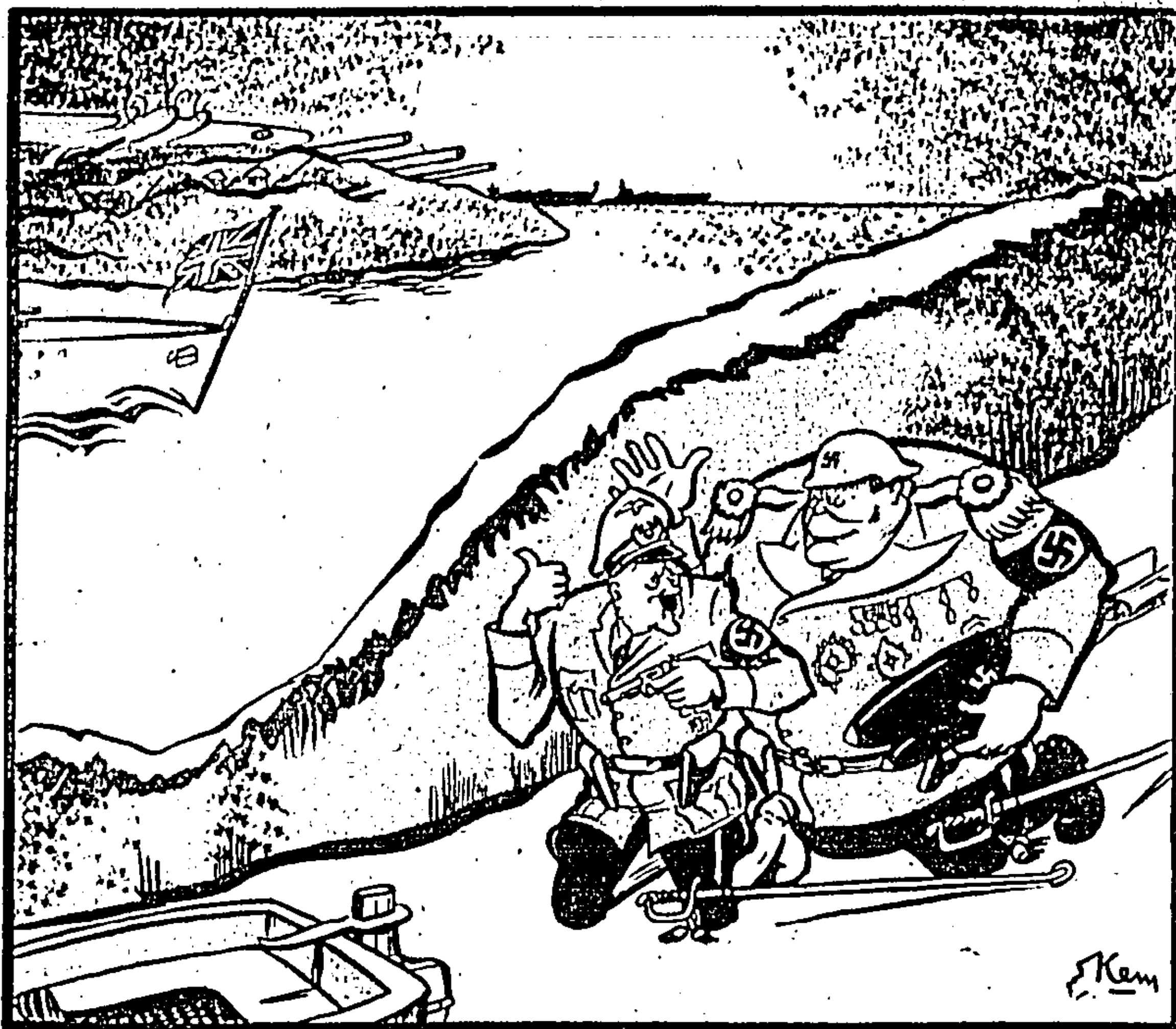


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Hitler: "These British, Goering, are much stronger than we thought. Try bombing their women and children..."

Goering: "I did... They are stronger still..."

CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutineer

The Germans have been this week directing their invective against President Roosevelt's proposal to Britain.

They know they cannot prevent the bill being passed, but they comfort themselves with the thought that this assistance will be useless as Britain will be destroyed before it arrives. Alternatively they argue that by their counter-blockade, their submarines and aircraft will intercept and destroy the ships bringing these supplies to Britain.

The answer to these statements is found in the Admiralty's announcement that shipping losses last week were four British vessels, the total tonnage of which was fifteen thousand tons. Then the most important part of the war material we require are bombers, and these we are informed are now being flown across the Atlantic in increasing numbers.

POSITION OF ITALY

The Italians have recently adopted a plaintive tone in their war commentaries. They are asking why Britain, with its vast and rich territories, should seek to deprive Italy of her deserts. This is in contrast with Mussolini's speech, on November 5, when he spoke of Bardia as the bastion of Italian power, and of the occupation of Sidi Barrani as the prologue and not the conclusion of the drama. In the same speech he also spoke of Britain's ignominious retreat from Somaliland—now definitely and forever in the hands of the Italian army, so he said.

Now the commentator in Rome says that Italy takes off her hat to the British forces in Egypt, which are magnificently led, splendidly equipped and full of fire.

It would not have been necessary to-day to take off their hats to Britain if they had taken off the Black Shirts from Italy's back, before they could involve the country in disaster.

The British were the best tourists and friends Italy had before Mussolini came into power; they added much to the wealth of that country. Now the airmen who visit Italy to see Naples and then dive, are proving very destructive and costly enemies.

The Italians are realising that the policy of appeasement adopted by Britain towards their country was based on generosity and was sincere.

Mussolini interpreted it as being due to military weakness and craven fear. The terrific blows he has suffered by sea, land, and air at Taranto, Sidi Barrani and Bardia, have now convinced him of his error. He realises that these defeats are not the conclusion but the prologue of

the tragedy, which is nothing less than the total loss of his African Empire.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The suggestion that Britain should afford safe conduct to the Italian women and children in Africa is a humane one, and will certainly be carried out. There is little doubt that they will be in grave danger if the natives of Libya and Abyssinia get control in the more isolated regions. Graziani has earned the undying hate of the Libyans by a ruthless and cruel policy of suppression, and in East Africa, the conquest of Abyssinia by poison gas will never be forgiven by the relatives of the victims.

The brutal and foul destruction of native villages by incendiary bombs of which will last longer than the operations in Abyssinia. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that the wives and children of the Italian settlers will be in grave danger of being massacred by the natives in these parts, when the opportunity presents itself.

Mussolini has involved Italy in a moral catastrophe the consequences of which will last longer than any military defeat. His treacherous declaration of war will never be forgotten by Frenchmen; his wanton attack on Greece is being revenged but will be remembered as a most mean and cowardly act. In short, Mussolini has lost the confidence of his people, despised by the Greeks, held in contempt by the Germans and he has forfeited the respect of Britain. This is truly a black record.

CHANGES IN JAPAN

A most interesting article, in the "Frankfurter Zeitung" of November 17 last, gives a picture of "Changing Japan". It says that the changes that are taking place are comparable with those of the famous Meiji Reforms of 1869. While many of these reforms are still only on the programme, it is safe to say that anyone who left Japan before the Reforms, will in a few years scarcely recognise it as the same country.

On all public walls and telegraph poles one sees placarded "Luxury is the enemy of the nation." Away with the Japanese kimono, away with the artistic and old Japanese head dressing, away with foreign permanent waves, away with civilian clothing for men, away with street lamps, away with expensive meals, private cars, char-a-bancs to pleasure resorts, away with the big gala companies, away with expensive weddings and funerals, new year greetings and presents—all this and much more has disappeared or will soon disappear.

All this boils down to one thing, namely, that war is very costly, and in order to carry it on, it is necessary to lower the standard of living so that every ounce of energy, and every kind of material, can be used in prosecuting it.

Where the standards were never very high, the economies made in reducing them are not considerable. The Japanese are now pulling in their belts to the limit, and resolutely but grimly submitting to the ordeal.

This is the condition Japan is in as a result of the war in China. What her condition would be during and after a European war, especially with the present war, unfinished, can be easily conjectured.

THE BULGARIAN SITUATION

Action in the Balkans is slow in developing. Mr. Filov, the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, no doubt was "Schuechtnigged" at Munich, but he seems to have survived the ordeal. His country apparently must be resigned to defending its neutrality. So far there seems to be no suggestion that she will invite the "protection" of Germany, and in that heroic policy she will have the full support of Turkey, whose position in the Dardanelles would be threatened by a German invasion of Bulgaria.

It is probable that Germany has no settled policy and must improvise one. Her original plans worked out far better than she expected but they were complete in themselves. They were based on a short war, powerful army in Italy, an isolationist America and a non-belligerent Japan in the Pacific.

The war is not going to be short. Italy is not a powerful ally, and America has advanced from isolationism through "cash and carry" to "lending or leasing" to Britain as much war material as possible. Germany, therefore, has to adjust herself to the new situation. Germany must attempt then to break through the weakest part of the crust. Bulgaria seems to be the popular choice at the moment, as it is evidently a much easier task to overrun it than to invade Britain.

So long, however, as Britain remains undefeated on land, and continues to be mistress of the seas, the outlook for Germany is very serious. The risks involved in an attack on Bulgaria are considerable, since it means an extension of the war to another front, and it may take some time to get through to Italy, which is urgently in need of help.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY

Russia has signed a trade agreement with Germany to show that her sympathies are with the Axis; and another one with China to prove they are not. If Germany obtained

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

I was most surprised to read in my "Morning Post" on Monday morning that Mr. Quo Tui-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, had made representations to our Foreign Office concerning the decision to compel Chinese residents in Hongkong to comply with the registration and passport regulations. Mr. Quo was surely speaking out of turn.

In the first place, and with all due deference to his official status, I must submit that whatever Hongkong may deem to be fit and proper, is no business of his. Secondly, I cannot help wondering who put him up to his part?

If Mr. Quo had any reason to complain about the treatment of his countrymen in this Colony, he would be thoroughly justified in registering his protest; but he is fully aware of the fact that they enjoy liberties here which are unique. Possibly he is unaware that the Colony's population has swollen tremendously, and that in times such as these, it is only a matter of common prudence to legislate against overcrowding. Not only that, the host is usually granted the privilege of exercising some discretion as to the guests he may allow to enter his domain.

After all, why should Chinese not be subject to the same regulations as other nationalities here? If I am not permitted to change my address without notifying the Police, or my going and coming is subject to the observance of the law on the subject, why should the countrymen of Mr. Quo be exempt? I trust that his temerity will have met with the gentle rebuke it so obviously deserved. Of course, I am writing without the book, because I have no knowledge of the substance of Mr. Quo's "representations"—but, as MacWhirter would say, I have my doubts.

The new "sabotage" or rather—"anti-sabotage corps" is probably a very good idea. If I have been given to understand right, however, although it is not strictly a military body, members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps are ex-

pected to devote still further time to this new child of emergency. While I thoroughly agree that it is essential in these times that every man who is not indispensable in his particular civilian sphere should be made militarily efficient, I do suggest that the line must be drawn somewhere. Even in wartime, the trade of the Empire must not be unduly neglected, and this Colony has a very special role in keeping the flag flying commercially.

Frankly, I am somewhat dubious as to the value of the air-raid tunnels which we are drilling into our hills. They appear to be far too long and far too narrow. It does not require very much stretching of the imagination to visualise the extremely unpleasant predicament of the people who might find themselves tightly packed in these long, narrow burrows. Personally, I should have thought that a greater number of wider tunnels of much lesser depth and with wider entrances would have been safer and more sensible.

Mr. Cooke's tunnel scheme from one side of the Island to the other, has much to commend it, and it would in time prove to be an investment. That is more than can be said for the present scheme. True, it would serve only those within easy reach, but in any case, should war ever reach this place (which I very definitely doubt) the majority of the population would seek higher ground, unless refugees were plentiful and assuring.

While I am on the tunnel subject, which is part and parcel of our A.R.P. organisation, I cannot help wondering whether it is really sound to enrol comparatively young Chinese girls?—Wartime emergencies are pretty grim, and those who are called upon to perform duties calling for cool-headedness and initiative must necessarily be possessed of such attributes beyond any possible shadow of doubt.

The recent evidence of rather more pronounced enthusiasm on the part of leading Chinese gentlemen towards the British War Funds is both encouraging and gratifying. There is no question of where their sympathies lie, and I am confident that their example and advice will be followed by many of their compatriots.

They are in the present world upheaval just as much as we are, our common enemies are their common enemies, and until ruthlessness is stamped out once and for all, their peace will continue to be disturbed just as much as ours is. Indeed, it is a privilege for them to know that they are partners in this great fight against aggression, but being partners they are naturally expected to go all out for the sturdy partner who is so valiantly fighting to regain peace and prosperity. I am sure that it will never be held against British Chinese that they were fair weather friends.

The Hon. Mr. Butters' Budget will surely go down in history as a most worthy effort in financial legislation. There are still several commodities, however, which might well bear their share in producing revenue. One of the most obvious is surely tea. The lower or cooler grades should, of course, be exempt, but there is a wide range—some of which definitely come under the heading of luxuries, which could be taxed. Cosmetics, perfumes, silk, hotel meals (say above one dollar) should all bear their share. This would remove the apparent necessity to add to the burden of rentals—because the modest increase in assessment will be passed on to the tenant, unless I am very much mistaken.

It would also be interesting to discover whether harbour dues could not be raised within reason. The reputation of being the cheapest port in the Far East is neither justified nor necessary at the present juncture. Receipt and stamp duties offer a fertile field. Sampan and junk licences offer further scope, not to mention motor-boats and launches.

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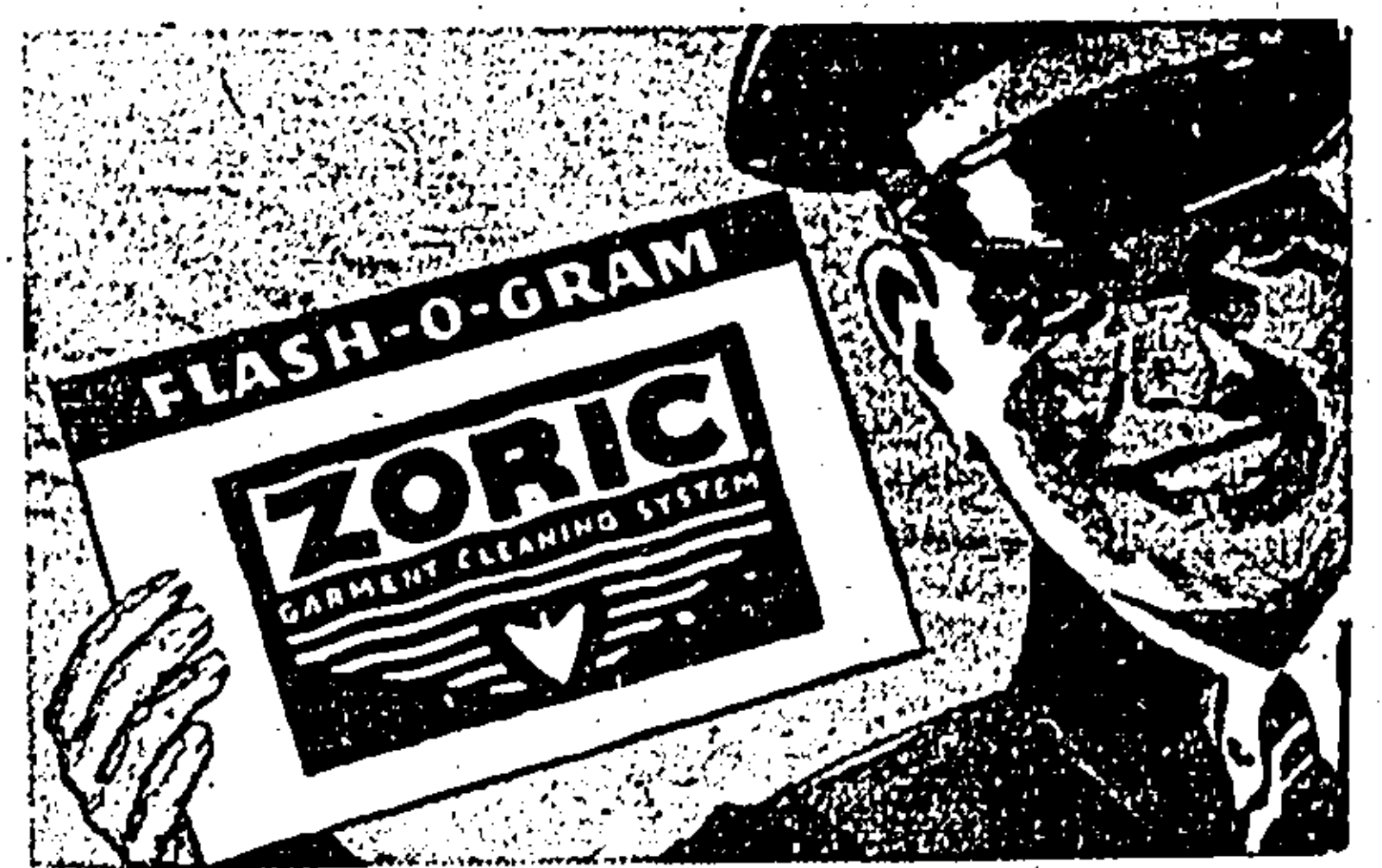


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"Needle" Match At Caroline Hill Softball Pennant In Sight

Heavy Conditions Should Favour Eastern Against S. China To-day

(By "SCRAMBLER")

A GREAT DEAL hinges on the result of the match between Eastern and South China to-day at Caroline Hill, occasioned by the fact that the latter lost to Sing Tao last week, which allowed Eastern to lead them both by a point with the same number of games. Should Eastern draw it would place them on the same footing as Sing Tao, a defeat would mean that South China and Sing Tao would be level.

The display given by South China last week against Sing Tao did not augur at all well for their game to-day. They were so disoriented that their opponents at the very outset saw through their failings, and made excellent uses of the flaws. They did not in the least relish the wet conditions of the ground, and if this weather keeps up, they will be up against another team that are always at home under heavy conditions, more so, since most of the Eastern's players are from the North, where playing conditions are very much akin to the present state of our grounds.

On a dry ground, South China are a very hard team to beat. But there is plenty room for a reshuffle. Lee Kwok-wai is a better left back than Tse Kam-hung; Lam Tak-po can be dropped if Lau Hing-choi would take over his berth. If Lam Tak-po and Tse Kam-hung take over the wing half berths, Lau Chung-sang should go to the outside right position, with Lee Tak-kee, Lee Wai-tong and Chow Man-choi, comprising the inside trio, and Lee Shek-yau playing his usual position.

South China's mode of play is so very much like the Eastern's that a quick goal may decide the result of the match for them. Lee Wai-tong was not very impressive as an inside forward, and the reason I think he will make a better leader than Chan Tak-fai is that he has better sense of ball distribution, and a pass to the wing at the right moment may produce just that bit of a push in a game of this standard.

Good Defence

SOUTH CHINA'S defence is good without being brilliant. In Tseung Chung-wan, they have an excellent back, whose tackling and initiative have often robbed opponents of goals. However, I believe, he can play a still better game if partnered by Lee Kwok-wai, whose style is very much like his own. The half back trio is good, and providing that they can find their feet at the initial stages, should be able to call a halt to Eastern's early attacks.

Hau Ching-tau is still nursing a leg injury, and although he will probably take the field, he may not be the same

speedy winger we know. Eastern are playing the same quintette up forward—Chung Yung-sum, Cheng Kam-hoi, V.K. Hui, C. T. Tso, and Hau Ching-tau. This line is not only speedy, but is full of tricks, and their prowess with the ball once they get started is entertaining.

As with South China, an early goal will be a great asset to Eastern. If they find the ground on the soft side, they will like it better. The forward line is so well balanced, that there is hardly a weak spot in it.

But their greatest asset will be in the intermediate trio. Here Lau Chi-tang, Hsu King-sing and Lo Wai-kuen have proved their worth on innumerable occasions, but they will still have to find last quarter stamina, this having let them down badly on more than one occasion.

Should Win

KONG SING-KING and Ng Kee-cheong are a pair of sound backs, the latter in particular has played several good games in this position. Lau Hing-hon, to my view, is not such a capable goal-keeper, being not only nervous under pressure, but lacking spirit. But on the whole, on the present form, I believe Eastern should win, and unless South China can bring about a rejuvenation of their team, they are doomed to defeat.

Sing Tao will take to the field with far more confidence to-morrow against the Royals after their splendid showing last week against South China. They made a very wise move in dropping Tung Kwong-sum and in replacing Yung Shui-yick over with Lau Ching-tau, taking over the latter's berth, and the welcome return of Leung Wing-chiu added much weight to their intermediate trio.

The Royals have in the past caused more than upset, and they

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

The following are the football league fixtures for the week-end:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION	
Middlesex v. Kowloon (Sookunpoo), 4 p.m.	
Police v. Hongkong F.C. (Boundary St.), 4 p.m.	
Eastern v. S. China (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.	
SECOND DIVISION	
Navy v. Hongkong F.C. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.	
R.A.F. v. 30th R.A. (Military, H. V.), 2.30 p.m.	
JUNIOR SHIELD FIRST ROUND	
Middlesex v. R.A.S.C. (Sookunpoo), 2.30 p.m.	
R.E. v. Kowloon (Boundary St.), 2.30 p.m.	
JUNIOR SHIELD REPLAY	
12th R.A. v. 24th R.A. (St Joseph's), 3.15 p.m.	
THIRD DIVISION	
35th R.A. v. Shell (Military), 4 p.m.	
R.E. v. R.A.F. (Chatham Rd), 2.30 p.m.	

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION	
Kwong Wah v. Navy (Boundary St.), 4 p.m.	
R. Scots v. Sing Tao (Sookunpoo), 4 p.m.	
SECOND DIVISION	
S. China v. Police (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.	
JUNIOR SHIELD FIRST ROUND	
R. Scots v. Chinese Amateur S.C. (Sookunpoo), 2.30 p.m.	
THIRD DIVISION	
R.A.M.C. v. A.S.A. (Boundary St.), 2.30 p.m.	
Signals v. 12th R.A. (Chatham Rd), 2.30 p.m.	
24th R.A. v. 20th R.A. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.	
7th R.A. v. International (Chatham Rd), 4 p.m.	

may be able to wreck the complacency of the Chinese to-morrow. If they go about their work in a robust and direct manner, they will find themselves able to get to the goal far quicker than by their orthodox short-passing play. Mossack is a very thrustful man, and given support, should cause the Chinese quite some worry.

Sing Tao will in all probability be playing with the same line-up, and with everything at stake, I doubt whether they will take any chances. They should be able to produce their form from what I have seen of their early morning practices, and if they

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"Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

Very good entries have been received for the January Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at Arcoia Preta on Sunday, this being the first meet of the year.

The main event is the Chung Hwa Handicap for "Y" class China ponies and the run is over a mile. A special dollar cash sweep is being conducted on this contest, limiting the sale to 50,000 tickets.

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Royal Highness

The Leopard

Talkative

CHUNG HWA HANDICAP

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Golf

Argentine Pros. Hope For International Matches

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. (AP).—Two Argentine professionals who travelled 7,000 miles to make the winter golf tour have their eyes on the United States open championship, just as big a prize below the equator as it is in the United States.

"Every professional and assistant professional in Argentina practices hard in the hope he can play in the United States or British open," explained Martin Pose, who speaks pretty fair English and has to do the talking both for himself and his countryman, Eduardo Blas.

"They all dream some day of winning the open,"

National Hero

Pose made an expansive gesture to indicate that the Argentine pro who first breaks through will be a national hero in his sports-loving country.

Blas's lengthy wallop has caused a buzz of comment around the Miami Springs course, but Pose explained that his friend gets 25 to 30 yards more distance on his wood shots at home, where the smaller English ball is used.

Both Satisfied

Both are satisfied with the results of their practice sessions—each has broken par—but Pose would not indicate how they expect to fare against the best United States pros.

"I think we'll play pretty well—that's all," he smiled.

Pose hopes some day to see annual matches between picked squads of players representing the

Weekly Wind-up

The holiday doubleheader on Chinese New Year's day should bring out the cash customers in droves. Thelma Marques, Panther second sacker and sister of the golden girl, is headed for stardom. Alice Mar, Canuckette shortstop, had pretty tough luck to be called out at the plate on her circuit-labelled bit. It would have been a cinch with a little more speed on those dogs. Kitty Bush and Elvie Xuen are typical whippersnappers on the base paths.

The Elgin National trophy, awarded to softball winners in the Fox River Valley (Illinois) league is a veritable gold mine. It costs U.S.\$5,000.00, weighs 200 pounds and is five feet high. Champs would probably need a truck to cart that mug home.

The Canucks sure miss Nazy Nazarin behind the old platter. We tab him, on his play last season, as the most improved catcher in the league, besides being one swell fellow. Miss Fan Lee is a real source of encouragement to her Wahoes, when out there on the field. Thelma Colloco, Wildcat fireballer, has a natural throwing arm. We miss Poochie Chase, Big Douglas et al, out there on the diamond this season.

Industrial organisations in America are great advocates of softball for their employees. A certain manufacturing company in Michigan provides approximately two hundred teams with uniforms, bats, balls, playing fields etc, each season.

A. M. Omar, Cyclones' dynamic coach, has the right idea about keeping his hustling youngsters in shape. Makes them run around the football field at Causeway Bay, a few times, after each practice. Dave Bautista is a real veteran of the game. Has seen sixteen years service on the diamond. Many Chinese schools in the Colony have included softball in their sports curriculum this year. Sandlot games can be seen on many vacant grounds.

Recreio Cricket Teams

The following teams will represent the Club de Recreio in League cricket matches against the University to-day:

1st XI (Porkfulam).—E. L. Goso (capt.), W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodriguez, H. L. Ozorio, L. C. Goso, G. N. Goso, J. M. Goso, E. M. Soares, N. A. Beltrao, A. P. Pereira, Jr. and A. M. Prata.

2nd XI (Recreio).—E. A. R. Alves (capt.), P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., H. A. Barros, A. J. M. Prata, F. H. Carvalho, B. T. Goso, A. E. Noronha, J. A. Soares, F. J. Remedios, M. D'Almada Remedios and A. H. D'Almada Remedios.

two nations. He believes the competition could take the place of the Ryder Cup matches called off because British pros cannot play in wartime.

Leading Teams Head Down Home Stretch Prospects For To-morrow

(By "Ball Fan")

CURTAILED last week because of drizzling rains, the local softball leagues will resume their scheduled games this Sunday at the Kowloon ball park with a full bill of fare.

Leading team in the men's major league should not be extended to any great extent as they head steadily toward Pennantville in their drive down the final stretch.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S LEAGUE	
9.00 a.m. Wildcats v. Recreio	
10.30 a.m. Wahoes v. Los Florinhas	
12.00 noon B. Panthers v. Cardinals	
MEN'S LEAGUE	
First Division	
1.30 p.m. Filipinos v. C.B.C.	
2.45 p.m. Cyclones v. St. Joseph's	
4.00 p.m. H.K.B. v. Canadian Chinese	
Second Division	
9.00 a.m. R.A.F. v. Liga	
10.15 a.m. Royal Scots v. C.B.A.	
11.30 a.m. Recreio B. v. R. Engineers	
12.45 p.m. 8th R.A. v. South China	
EXHIBITION GAME	
10.00 a.m. H.K. Bank v. Chartered Bank	
11.15 a.m. Tseaco v. Greenpot	
10.30 a.m. Canadian Chinese Girls v. Standard Oil, Accounts Dept.	

out there fighting to the last ditch, to bring home the bacon.

A Stiff Battle

A. M. Omar's fighting Cyclones should give St. Joseph's burly ballhaws a stiff battle starting at 2.45 p.m., before bowing out gracefully with a loss to the league leaders, after seven hard played innings. Referees slated to work are Harry Campos, V. Marques, and A. N. Other.

The hurricane gang will rely on Finky Pineda to toe the rubber in an effort to create an upset. The Leonardmen showed convincing power at the plate in their clean-cut win over C.B.C. and are gradually gaining momentum for the final drive.

One Great Effort

IN the nightcap at 4 p.m. with Al Leonard, Baker and Stan Leonard backing, the cellar-dwelling Canadian Chinese will send in Herbie Quon, ace fireballer, in an effort to halt the winning streak of Honus Waggoner's league-leading Mohawks.

On paper the marauding redskins with "slinging" Cy Jones on the mound and speedy Joe Morris receiving are booked to come through with an easy win, but the Canucks will be playing "all out," and the impossible might happen. Who knows?

Men's League

IN the opening game of the men's triple-header at 1.30 p.m. Abe Liu's classy Chinese Baseball Clubbers will inflict yet another defeat on Dave Amper's Filipino gang. Umpires for this game are Doc Molten, Stan Leonard and A.M. Omar.

The Chinese have been showing inconsistent form this season and are due at any time now to flash the streamlined ball which they are capable of playing.

The Manila Club have an eager gang of youngsters who have not had much success with the win column. Dave Bautista states that they'll be

AT the "Chatham Road" ball park, Red "Rollie" Hensley, R.A.F. mound star, will be out to garner his sixth victory of the season at the expense of Liga Portuguesa.

Royal Scots should put the old Indian sign on C.B.A.'s weak fielding aggregation, while Mike Mendonca's Recreio Bees are booked to sting the R. Engineers with another loss.

The South China v. 8th R.A. encounter appears to be a toss-up. However, Bill Kwan's steady hurling may be the deciding factor in a South China win.

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THE FITNESS OF YOUTH

WHEN Britain's young recruits first began to appear before the Medical Boards it was recorded with some surprise that they showed an extraordinarily high standard of physical fitness. Further experience has brought confirmation.

The surprise, not intended to be in any way offensive, was quite natural. For years we had been told, by persistent pessimists who professed to know all about the subject, that Britain was a C3 nation, and that the young men of to-day were even worse than their fathers and mothers. So often and confidently was this asserted that it became an article of general belief.

Our future enemies took up the tale and proclaimed the degeneracy of the British lion. We had become feeble and effete; the future lay with the "young" nations—that is, with those docile peoples who had not the will-power to resist the domination of their liberty-crushing dictator chiefs.

The superb fitness which our young men have revealed during the past sixteen months has given one part of the lie to that. Their fitness, moreover, has become still more pronounced under the conditions of training and active service. The rest of the reply to the C3 lie comes impressively in the performances of our airmen, our Navy-men, and our soldiers in the face of the foe.

Consider, too, the Home Guard, the A.R.P. workers, and the civilians who unflinchingly carry on despite all the Nazis' aerial frightfulness. This is not the conduct of people lacking in stamina or in strength of mind. Some loose-tongued old fogies certainly owe a very humble apology to their young compatriots. So far it has not been forthcoming.

POPE AND PRISONERS

Concern For Welfare

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—The Pope's solicitude for all victims of war, especially for prisoners of war of all countries, is stressed in an article in the Vatican newspaper, "Osservatore Romano," which states that a mission headed by the Apostolic Nuncio of Italy, Monsignor Duca, has been visiting all British and French prisoners of war and civilians interned in Italy.

The visits were made with the co-operation of the Italian authorities. Similar visits have been made to prisoners and internees in Albania, Greece, Jerusalem and other places in Europe, Asia, Canada, America and even Australia.

The Vatican office, which obtains and transmits to relatives news of prisoners, internees and refugees has also been very busy.

Archbishops' Letter

ATHENS, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Italy's "non-provoked aggression against the liberty and independence of Greece" is condemned by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in a letter published in the Athens press.

"The Church and all the people of England," the letter says, "fully share the indignation expressed with such strength in the appeal of the Greek Church against the non-provoked aggression which Italy has attempted against the liberty and independence of Greece. Our hearts are full of sympathy for your people on account of the sufferings which are inflicted on you by violence and are full of courage with which you have repelled aggression."

"We cordially welcome the Greek people not only as our ally in this temporal conflict but also as our companion in the great spiritual fight because we share with the principles of truth, justice and liberty for which we are fighting together constitute the fundamentals of the Christian manner of life and all Christian civilisation."

Stopping Flow Of Contraband

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 17 (UP).—In a determined effort to arrest the flow of contraband to Germany across the Pacific, it is reliably reported that the Government is consulting the United States with a view to establishing co-operation in halting the traffic via the Panama Canal and elsewhere, when it is known that the cargoes are ultimately bound for Germany.

It is understood that the plans include the possible establishment of a British contraband control base in the West Indies, for example in Trinidad.

Russian Pipeline

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—The question of Russian purchases in the United States and the consequent possible leakage of supplies to Germany through the Pacific has been raised at various times during the Anglo-American conversations. Mr. Cordell Hull revealed this at a Press conference to-day. He added, however, that he had no information concerning a proposal for the establishment of a British contraband control base in the western hemisphere.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are notified in yesterday's Government Gazette:

Mr. V. A. Perkins, Chartered Surveyor, to be an Assistant Assessor, with effect from January 10.
Mr. J. B. P. Byrne A.S.A.A., B.Com., to be an examiner in the War Revenue Department with effect from January 10.
Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones has been appointed Post Master General with effect from January 10.
Mr. C. J. Norman has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Prisons with effect from January 10.
Mr. Chau Tsun-nin, C.B.E., has been appointed a member of the medical committee of the Tung Wah Hospital vice the Hon. M. K. Lo with effect from January 15.

Far East Leader Of Free Frenchmen

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Jan. 17 (Dome).—Declaring that "France is not dead yet and will never die," M. Guy de Chompre, head of the "Free East" movement, told "Dome" that the principle of his task was to keep that idea alive among all French.

Interviewed at his headquarters here in the Union Building, M. de Chompre asserted that the Free French movement is non-political nor is it aimed at creating a government.

"It is only a legion of men who have chosen independence or death. That is why when politicians like M. Leon Blum and M. Pierre Cot offered services he politely but firmly refused, making them understand that the only way in which they could help would be to enlist in the Free French forces if they were of military age," M. de Chompre said.

The aim of the movement was, M. de Chompre stated, to organize branches in every neutral country to "protect and defend French culture which cannot die."

M. de Chompre, who was formerly the French Vice-Consul at Tientsin, was ordered by General de Gaulle to remain in Singapore to organize the movement in the Far East.

Graziani Staying

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Official circles in Rome deny that Marshal Graziani is to remain his post as Commander-in-Chief of the Italian forces in Libya, according to the German radio.

Colony Has Interest In Film Star's Wedding

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—A galaxy of stage and film stars besieged Caxton Hall Registry Office to-day for the wedding of 2/Lieut. John Mills, the well-known actor, and Miss Mary Hayley Bell, daughter of Lieut-Col Francis Hayley Bell.

Flight-Lieut. D. H. Bell, D.F.C., the bride's brother, was also present.

(Lieut-Col. Bell is Defence Security Officer, Singapore. One-time Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon, Macao, Canton, Chefoo, and Tientsin, he retired from the Customs service in 1931).

INDIAN LIBERAL LEADER'S PLEA

Dominion Status Sought

BOMBAY, Jan. 17 (Reuter).

A plea for Dominion status for India was made to-day by prominent Indian Liberal leaders in a joint statement issued to-day. The signatories include Mr. Chandra Cakar, President of the Indian National Federation, and Mr. Sridivasa Sastri, member of the Round Table Conference and the Indian Privy Council.

Stating that "we believe in co-operation between Britain and India and that we are prepared to accept the terms of the Government's present policy there are a number of obstacles to India's working enthusiastically for the freedom of England and other nations."

They particularly urge the nationalisation of India's defence forces "by affording equal opportunities to all classes in the provinces and the replacement of British by Indian officers, without which 'Dominion status can have no meaning.'"

Naval Volunteer Promotions

The following promotions in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force are notified in the Government "Gazette":

To be Lieutenants (with effect from January 1).—Acting Lieutenants Thomas Maurice Parsons, Leslie Philip Ralph, Desmond Ernest Hindmarsh, John Crichton McDouall, Kenneth Albert Watson, Reginald Duncanson Wood, and Daniel Godfrey Wilson.

To be Acting Lieutenants (with effect from January 1).—Sub-Lieutenants Ralph Richard Thomas Smith, Cedric Arthur Lacy Rickett, Cecil Jesse Austen Gray, Francis Roydon Lalmer, Carey, Raymond Anthony Duncanson, Eric Wilson Laycock, Lawrence Duncanson McNab Beattie, Henry Charles Barclay.

To be Sub-Lieutenants (with effect from December 1, 1940).—Acting Sub-Lieutenants John Crawley Eager, Norman William Hosken Gray, and Thomas Hanson Head.

(With effect from January 1).—Acting Sub-Lieutenants Noel Julian Cornes, John Basil Smith, and George Spedding McGill.

Mine-Watching Branch

Promotions in the Mine Watching Branch of the H.K.N.V.F. are notified as follows:

To be Acting Lieutenant.—Sub-Lieut. John William Eastman, (with effect from January 1).
To be Sub-Lieutenant.—Acting Sub-Lieut. Albert Edward Bates, (with effect from January 1).
To be Acting Sub-Lieutenants, (with effect from January 1): Warrant Officers Harry Oscar Odell, William Fogwill, Bertram Foulkes, Blakeney, Gilbert Alexander Harrison, Albert Leslie Landels, Robert Millar, George Kenneth Oliver, Harold Clithrow Margrett, Alan Stephen Mitchell.

To be Acting Sub-Lieutenant (E). (With effect from January 1): Warrant Officer William Benjamin Haslett.

NEW AXIS WEAPON IN INLAND SEA WILL BE BEATEN

(By "Reuter's" Naval Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 17.—With German dive-bombers operating from Sicily, the difference between German and Italian efficiency appears and the picture in the Mediterranean for the moment has changed.

But responsible naval circles in London are undismayed by the advent of this weapon and are confident of mastering this "new German nuisance."

The factors involved include the number of German dive-bombers, the damage done to German bases by A.R.P. bombers and the speed with which British naval gunners acquire the technique of dealing with dive-bombers.

The operations in Libya and Egypt have necessitated considerable convoys through the Mediterranean and until last week convoys had gone unscathed with the help of the French. At the same time with the help of the R.A.F., the Navy has been very successful in preventing reinforcement.

LOOTING OF BELGIUM LARDER

Report Reaches Washington

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).

—The looting of Belgium by the Nazis is described in an official report now being studied by administration officials in Washington, according to Mr. Albert Harner, commentator in Washington, broadcasting on January 16.

He said that the report tells how trains and truckloads of Belgian food and other supplies are sent out of the country into Germany.

Belgian cattle and horses are shipped away, 80 per cent. of Belgian tobacco is commandeered, carloads of potatoes and butter are going to Germany, and for weeks there were no potatoes or butter obtainable by the people of Brussels.

Robber Baron

The report declares that it looks almost as if the role of the robber baron was governmentally planned well ahead of time.

There appeared huge six-wheeled trucks with double trailers into which went flour, oil and food for Germany, bought with German marks, refusal to accept which is punishable by heavy fines and imprisonment.

The Germans, according to the report, took control of all newspapers and such American news as is printed is made to look discreditable to the United States.

The Germans rule by decree. The Gestapo is active and there are wholesale arrests.

The report estimates that there are 1,000,000 Germans now in Belgium, including the German Army and civilians who have been moved to safety from the Rhineland to escape British bombers.

Bearer Securities Restricted

United Kingdom Import

It is notified for general information that bearer securities, the principal interest or dividends of which are payable, or optionally payable, in sterling, can no longer be imported into the United Kingdom except under permission granted by or on behalf of His Majesty's Treasury in the United Kingdom.

In the case of British subjects residing in Hongkong, who desire to obtain such permission in respect of securities owned by them, application should be made to the Assistant Financial Secretary (Exchange), Colonial Secretary's Office.

In the case of other residents of Hongkong, import licences must be applied for in the United Kingdom by the consignee or his agent to the Bank of England (Securities Control Office), before the securities leave the Colony.

Sterling bearer securities reaching the United Kingdom without the appropriate authorisation are liable to seizure and forfeiture.

Colony's Centenary Broadcasts

The Centenary celebrations of Hongkong will commence at 8.03 p.m. to-day with a series of broadcast talks from ZBW. Owing to the war, the Colony has dropped its plans for celebrations on a lavish scale, which would otherwise have been held.

Centenary stamps will be issued by the Government, but the date of issue will not be known until their arrival in the Colony.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, will head the list of speakers from ZBW to-night and will be followed by the Postmaster General, then by Hon. Sir Robert Colquhoun on "Anglo-Chinese Co-operation, Past, Present and Future." The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will speak on "Progress of Sport Among Chinese in Hongkong." Mr. C. B. Brown on "Racing in Hongkong," and Mr. R. P. Morris on "Communications."

A special Centenary Service will be conducted by Dean Wilson at St John's Cathedral at 11 a.m. to-morrow, which H. E. the Acting Governor is attending.

At 7.30 to-morrow night, Sir Robert Ho Tung will speak on "Early Reminiscences of Hongkong," Mr. P. S. Cassidy on "Growth of Trade in Hongkong," Mr. C. Champkin on "Early Days of the Hongkong A.D.C.," and a talk "Upon This Rock" by the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow will be read.

On Monday, commencing at 8.03 p.m., Sir Shouson Chow will give "A Message of Felicitation," followed by Mr. R. H. Hancock, and Mr. J. P. Bragg. Mr. H. C. Macnamara will speak on "Law in Hongkong," and the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields on "Yachting."

The talks will be followed by musical items by well-known Hongkong artists.

Attempted Revolt

CHUNGKING, Jan. 17 (UP).—It was announced to-day that an attempted revolt of the Fourth Route Army under command of General Yieh Ting had been suppressed. General Yieh is now a prisoner awaiting trial by a tribunal, and the entire army has been disbanded.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1941.

★ Britain's Women Munition Workers ★



AN interesting experiment in the training of British women munition workers is being carried out by the Ministry of Labour at the London County Council's Beaufrey Institute, Lambeth. Here girls from all classes may be seen from eight o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon undergoing an intensive course of instruction as fitters or turners.

The scheme was inaugurated by the London County Council. It had only been in progress three months when the Ministry of Labour, recognising its value, took the centre under its wing.

AT the moment some seventy women are in training, but within twelve months this number will be more than doubled. Before the candidates are accepted for training, they have to satisfy Ministry officials as to their age, suitability for the work and qualifications. Speaking generally, they comprise professional women who have lost their occupations owing to the war and girls who have been engaged in luxury trades such as hairdressing, dress-making, millinery, etc. The age limit is 50.

IN picture (1) we see a batch of students dressed in overalls leaving for lunch. Their keenness for the work is remarkable, and every week the Institute is sending well-trained

women to reinforce the staffs of the munition factories. In many cases the girls are glad to be able to find remunerative work. They include several refugees from Channel Islands and France. Some of these were destitute and lost all their belongings when France collapsed. In other cases the girls are undergoing the training from patriotic motives.

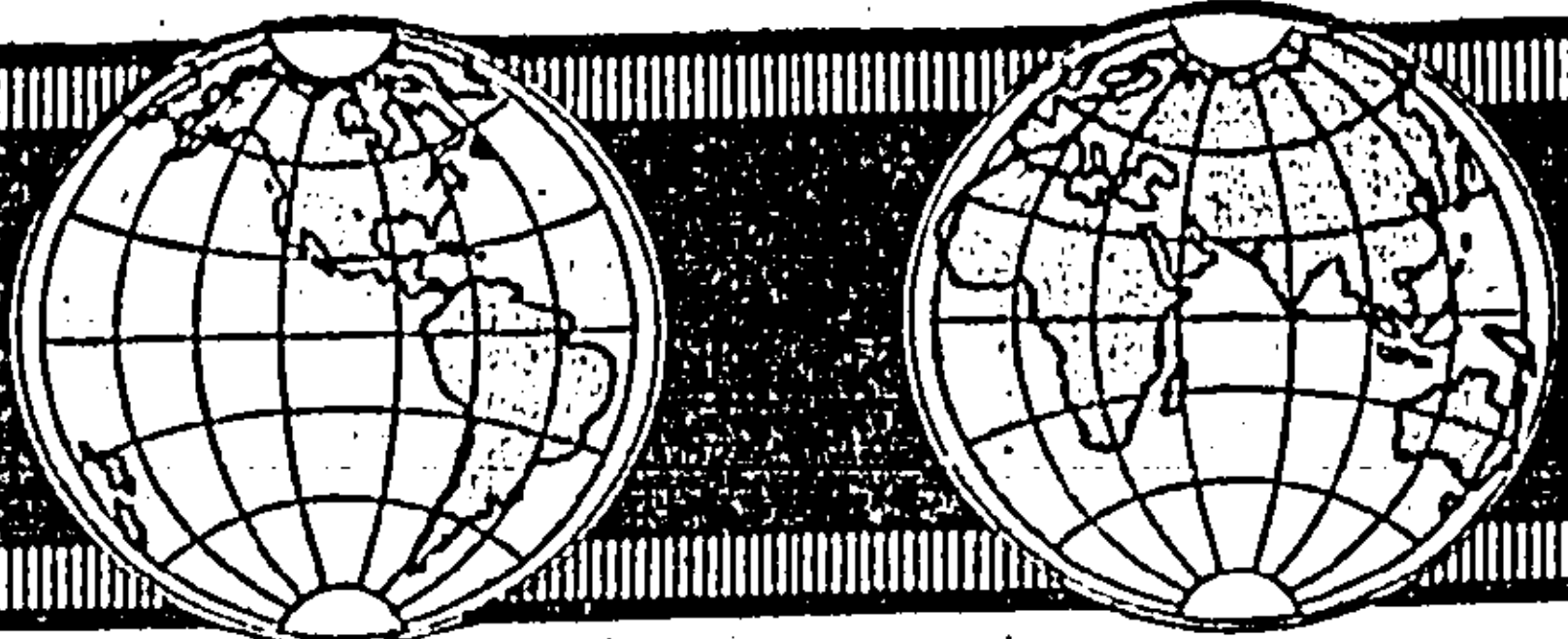
FIGURE (2) shows Miss Lalage Lewis, a 22-year-old actress, at a shaping machine, and in picture (3) Mrs Evelyn Hill is seen working one of the lathes. Before the war Mrs Hill was a laundry manageress in the "Empress of Britain" with a staff of forty-seven under her control. In this capacity she has travelled eight times around the world. When her training in munition work is completed she hopes to get a supervisor's job.

During the training the women receive a maintenance allowance of roughly £1 per week. They are given a mid-day meal and, up to a certain figure, travelling expenses are paid.

This is one of the earliest of such training centres for women to be established. It has proved so successful that others are to be formed.

WOMEN trainees, some wearing men's overalls, are seen in picture (4) engaged in the Institute's machine shop.

TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



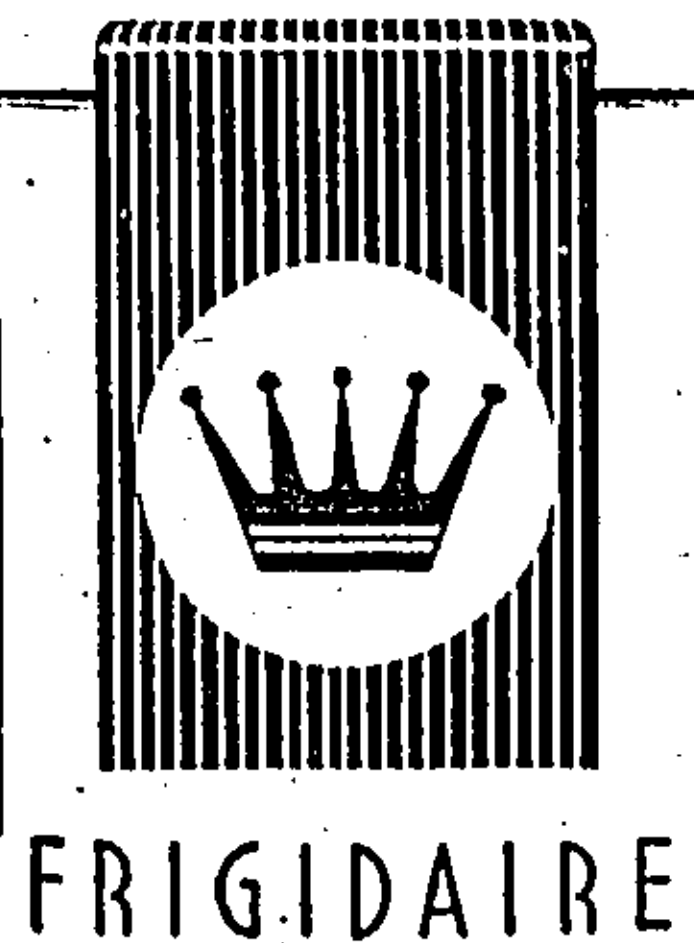
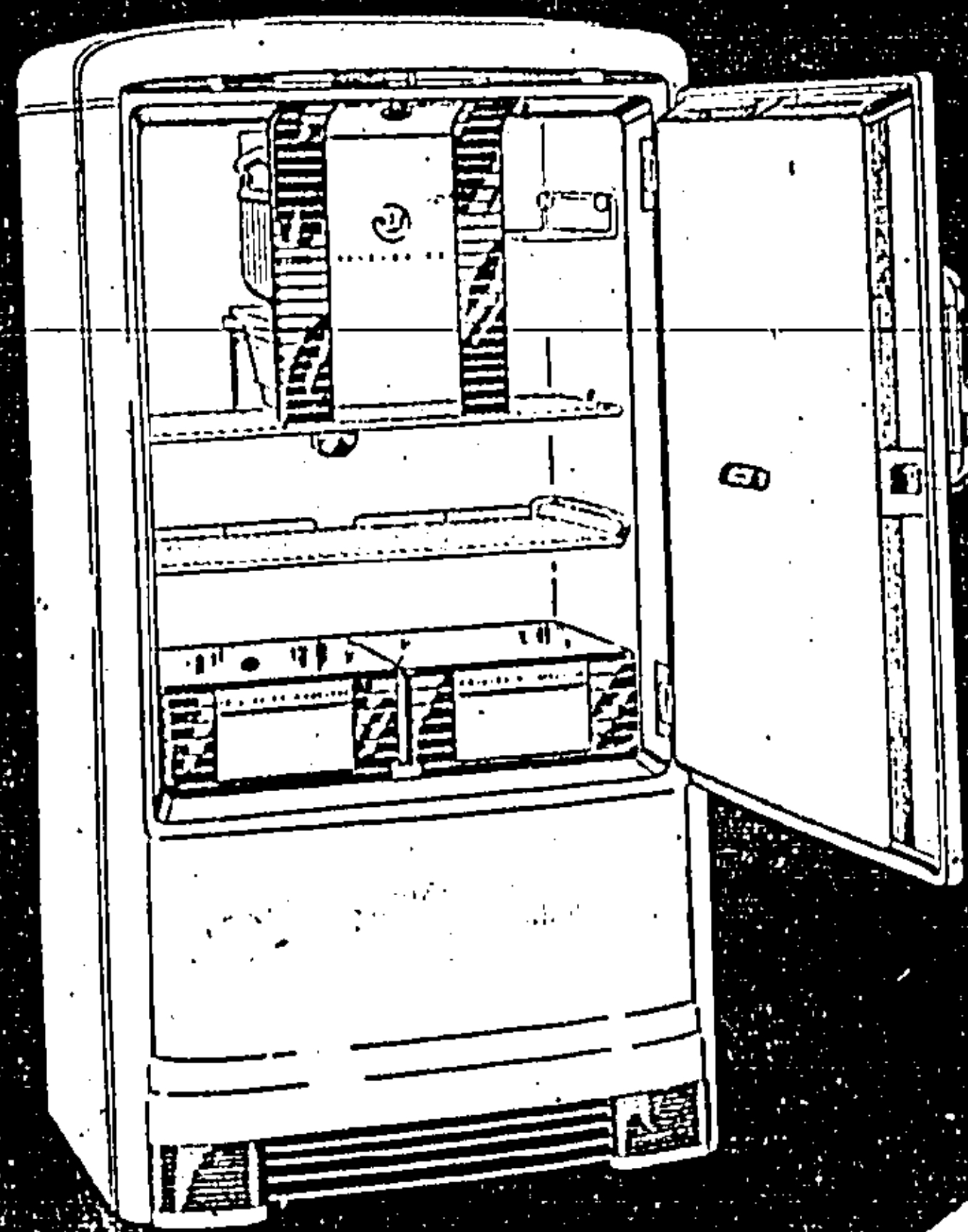
Some are enjoying perfect health—others are in hospitals fighting for life. Millions start off in the morning feeling fit and bright but without the slightest warning there comes an attack of pain in the form of Headaches, Neuralgia, Nerviness, etc. Cold and 'Flu' infection is as sudden as an accident. For these ailments the popular world-wide medicine is 'ASPRO'. Its success is due to relief results that are quickly proved and the fact that 'ASPRO' is safe, because it does not harm the heart or have any injurious after-effects. Always use 'ASPRO' according to the directions to relieve Pain and Headaches, Cold, 'Flu' and Rheumatism.

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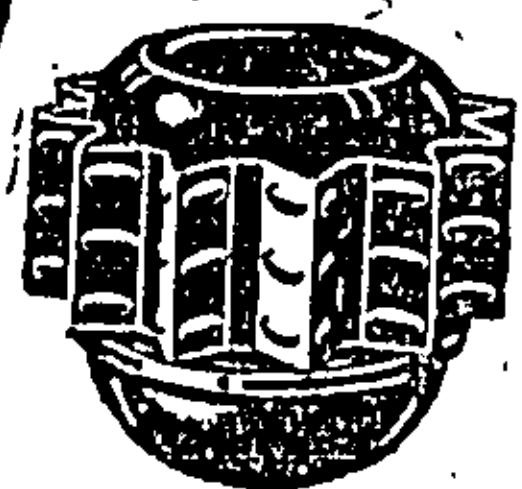
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Can France Come Back?

By William Henry Chamberlin

Now that the first shock of the fall of France is over, the question whether that country can "come back," can reoccupy its place among the leading European Powers assumes additional urgency and significance.

This is not the first time that France has seen its capital and its territory occupied. Defeat followed the resounding victories of the Napoleonic era. France was overwhelmed in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. In both these cases recovery came about more quickly than might have been expected.

Now the situation is more difficult and more complicated. What has crushed France is not only the secular enemy, Germany, but a Germany dominated by totalitarian revolution. Germany, the hostile Power, might be satisfied with the cession of Alsace-Lorraine and an indemnity; but the Germany of the totalitarian revolution may demand nothing less than the surrender of French political and economic independence. France has fallen farther and harder than was the case in 1815 or in 1871. There is some truth in the bitter remark of the Royalist publicist, Charles Maurras, that in ten months France lost what it had taken ten centuries to build.

But the will to live remains and Frenchmen of the most opposed schools of political thought are probably united in wishing to rescue France from its present state of economic dislocation, physical suffering and abject dependence on the will of the conqueror. Naturally the means best calculated to achieve this end depend in large measure on who will win the war.

When France fell in June it was the almost universal conviction that England would not hold out for more than a few weeks. It is difficult for one who did not actually experience the process to realise what an impression of complete collapse and defeat was conveyed by the spectacle of the millions of homeless and helpless refugees and the paralysis of so many of the normal public services.

It was against this background of reckoning with probable British defeat that the Vichy Government was organised. Many of those Frenchmen who believe that Germany will win the war and dominate Europe for a long time to come maintain that France has no alternative except to conform in many respects to the German political and economic pattern and to try to obtain modification of the rigours of the German occupation in exchange for some measure of co-operation with Germany. This has been the policy of Petain and Laval, although the veteran Marshal of France has more scruples of honour than the supple Fascist politician.

While a veil of mystery and censorship still hangs over the details of Hitler's talks with Petain and Laval there is some reason to believe that the former definitely opposed entrance into the war against England. Another factor that has delayed the conclusion of a definite Franco-German agreement, and which may limit its scope if and when it is concluded, is Hitler's difficulty in

adjusting Italy's annexationist desires with the sort of moderate settlement which Laval could present to the French people as a justification for the policy of dealing separately with Germany.

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It is only a few gallant Frenchmen in exile, under the leadership of Gen. Charles de Gaulle who are doing their best to realise the other assumption that England will win; that Hitlerism will be overthrown and that France will be reinstated in its former frontiers. There are so few of them because of the great difficulty of leaving France at the present time. But it is safe to say that the number of Frenchmen who hope for British victory increases with every month of successful British resistance. The applause that greeted pictures of British bombing of German towns when these were shown in the moving picture theatres of occupied Paris is a symptom not to be disregarded.

Perhaps the surest guarantee that "France is not lost," to paraphrase the words of the Polish national hymn, is the rich luminous tradition of French culture and civilisation, a tradition that is equally exemplified in some magnificent cathedral of the Middle Ages, with its rich stained glass windows, and in the bound volumes of one of France's great masters of art and thought, such as Moliere, Racine, Pascal, Montesquieu, Voltaire. It is in this sanctuary, one may be sure, that many of the best Frenchmen are taking refuge, secure in the knowledge that if French temporal power has its moments of eclipse, French civilisation is eternal and indestructible.

"With Wooing Words and Loving Song"

By Vincent Edwards

It is good to know that the Savoyards are carrying on in Great Britain, just as though there were no rude persons pounding at the door, so to speak, and threatening to break up the show. Come what may, England will never give up its Gilbert and Sullivan—and, for that matter, who else in the English-speaking world would do without it?

Did you ever observe the look that comes over the faces in the audience when the orchestra strikes up the overture to a Gilbert and Sullivan revival? It's the friendliest expression in the world. It's just as though all around you were answering "The Mikado's" chorus, "If you want to know who we are, with the mark, Yes, we know exactly who you are and once again, we are very glad to see you!" All in all, a jolly, understanding body of people, one big family, so to speak.

Sir William S. Gilbert may have been something of a bear to his familiars, but his wit has made a world of playgoers kin. And so has the music of Sir Arthur.

What other operettas can equal these for solid comedy? The audience stays smiling even when tragedy threatens the hero and he sings some moving plaint like "Forcwell, My Own" or "Ah, Leave Me Not To Pine Alone and Desolate." And listeners are convulsed when they are told of an imaginary beheading where

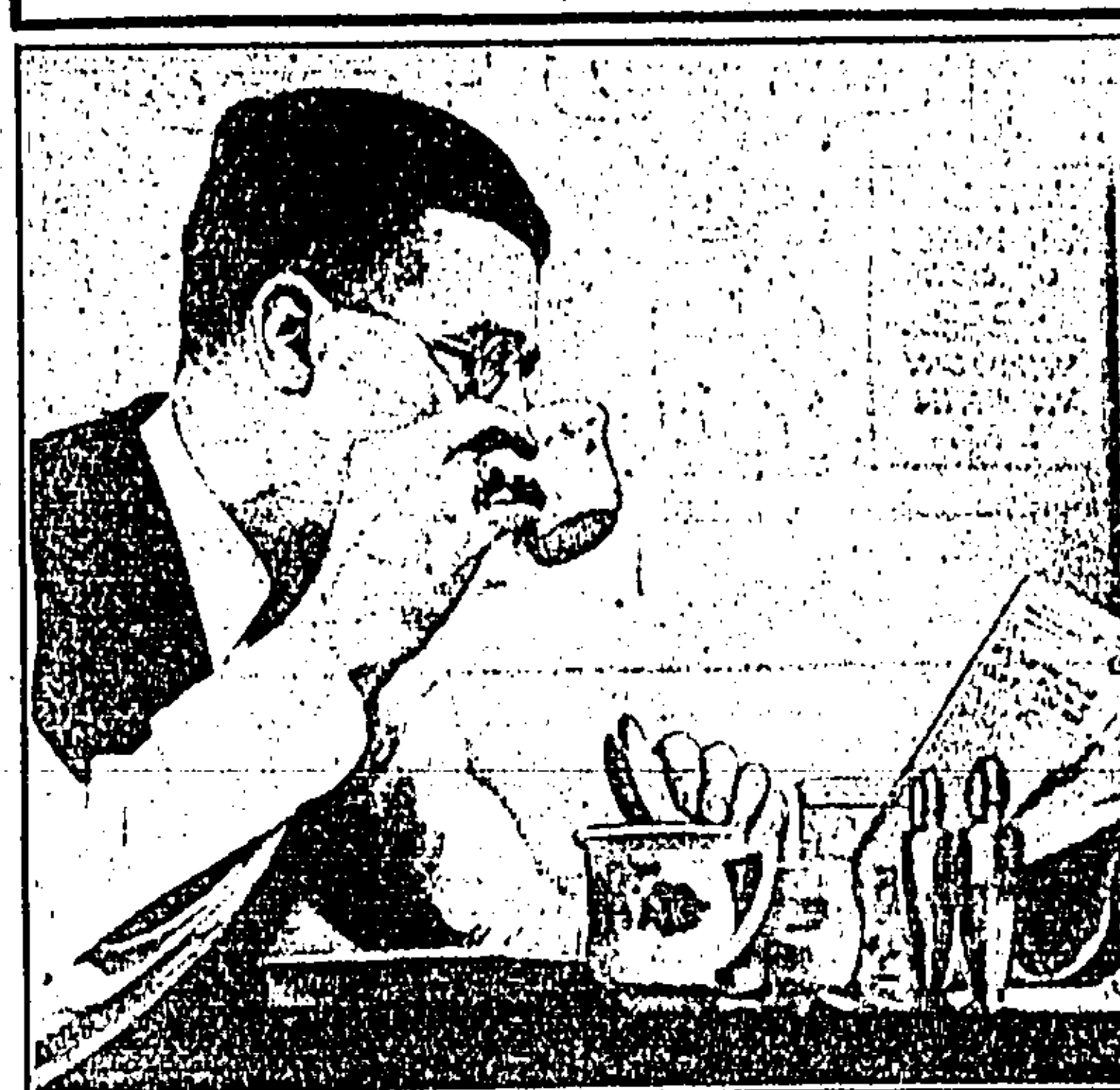
"The sabre true
Cut cleanly through
His cervical vertebrae!"

This huge amusement springs from the spirit of continuous raillery which infects all the operas. Savoyard followers know that the dreast things may be mentioned, but they seldom happen. All is bound to end happily.

The collaboration between the composer and the rhymester remains one of the most curious partnerships in the theatrical history. How this pair who never had any special fondness for each other were able to match words and music so perfectly is as mysterious as their genius. After Gilbert had worked out a plot, he would ship off a considerable number of the verses to Sullivan. Then the composer would work on the music, seldom bothering the librettist.

When D'Oyly Carte, their noted producer, revived "The Sorcerer" in 1899, Gilbert and Sullivan bowed merrily Lord who "polished up the to the applauding audience from handle of the big front door."

The SNAPSHOT GUILD USING THE SELF-TIMER



A self-timer enables you to get shots of yourself—such as this breakfast study—without having someone else snap the shutter. Such a device is a great convenience in the camera kit.

HAVE you ever tried taking informal self-portraits—or perhaps a story-telling sequence of shots of yourself, busy at some hobby or everyday activity about the house? It's an entertaining camera pastime—and with the aid of a self-timer, you can shoot such pictures easily.

The self-timer is a small "delayed-action" device which clips on the cable release of a camera, and trips the shutter after a brief time interval. Some fine cameras even have a self-timer built into the shutter. You simply place the camera on a firm support, press the release catch of the self-timer—then step into the picture, and pose as you wish, until the shutter clicks.

With a couple of photo bulbs, a self-timer attached to the cable release of your camera, and a short "scenario" of a half-dozen or so pictures to act out, you can have no end of fun all by yourself. For example—taking the picture above as a cue—you might show yourself at a hurried breakfast, putting salt in the coffee by mistake, burning the toast, spilling milk on the newspaper, and then discovering it's Sunday and you don't have to work after all.

Or, if you're interested in char-

acter studies and make-up, self-portraits with a self-timer may be even more fun. Set up the camera just below a mirror, in which you can check your expressions. Put on the make-up—work out the most suitable lighting—then release the self-timer and it does the rest while you pose.

The great advantage of using a self-timer, in photography such as this, is that you can take as much time as you wish on details—and not keep someone else standing by just to trip the shutter for you.

If you make a hobby of building ship models, or airplane models, or similar construction work, the self-timer is also useful. With it, you can get snaps of yourself at various stages of a job, and these will provide a welcome addition to your hobby record. In family pictures, the self-timer is likewise a great help. You need no longer be "just the photographer." With the aid of this little gadget, you can appear in any picture you take.

The self-timer, of course, can only be used on a camera that has a fitting for a cable release. If your camera is so fitted, you should by all means have one of these devices—and you'll find it one of the most generally useful items in your kit.

John van Guilder

GODS OF CHINA



WAI TOR

The name is a Cantonese corruption of the Indian Vajra. Actually, no such person as this existed, for Wai Tor is purely a symbol and is always shown as a strong, handsome youth, dressed as a general.

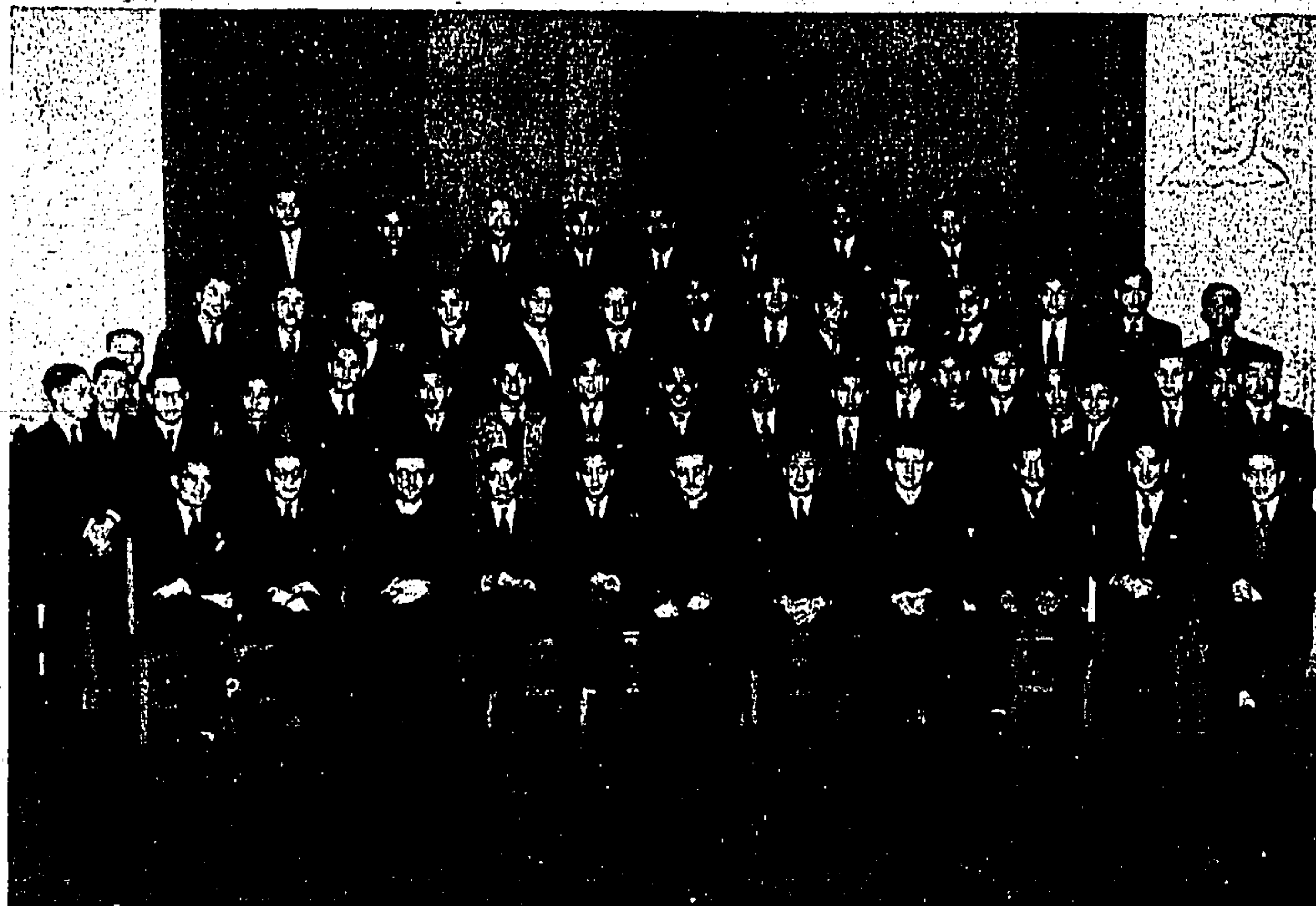
He is dressed in this way because he is considered the guardian of the monastic community. His place in the temple is always behind the Laughing Buddha and facing the main temple in the temple gateway. Itinerant monks can always stay in any monastery they come to, but they must first worship the image of Wai Tor.

He is sometimes shown holding a club. If the club is practically horizontal, the stay of the itinerant must be short. The higher the angle that the club is held, the longer the stay that can be made.

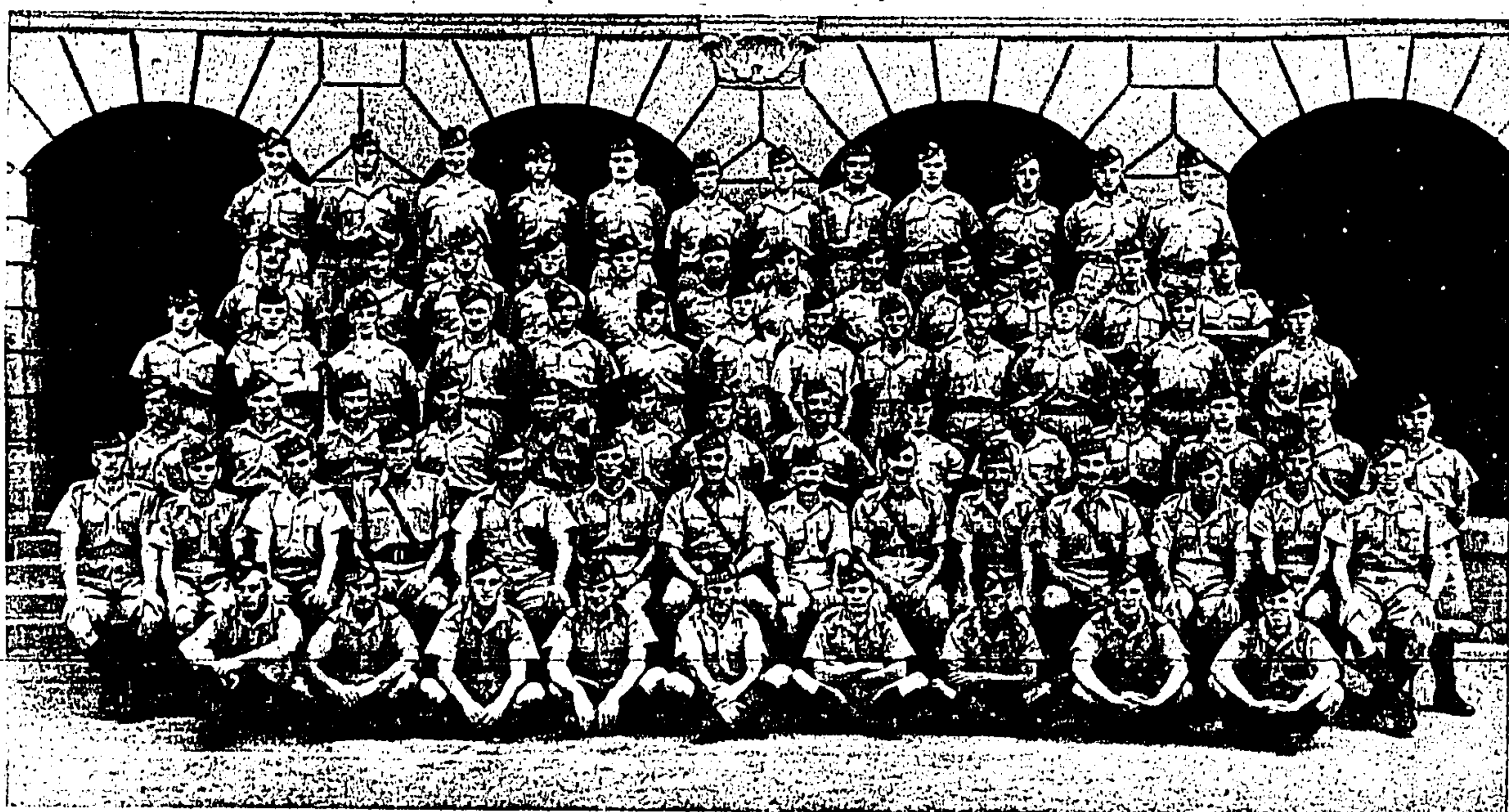
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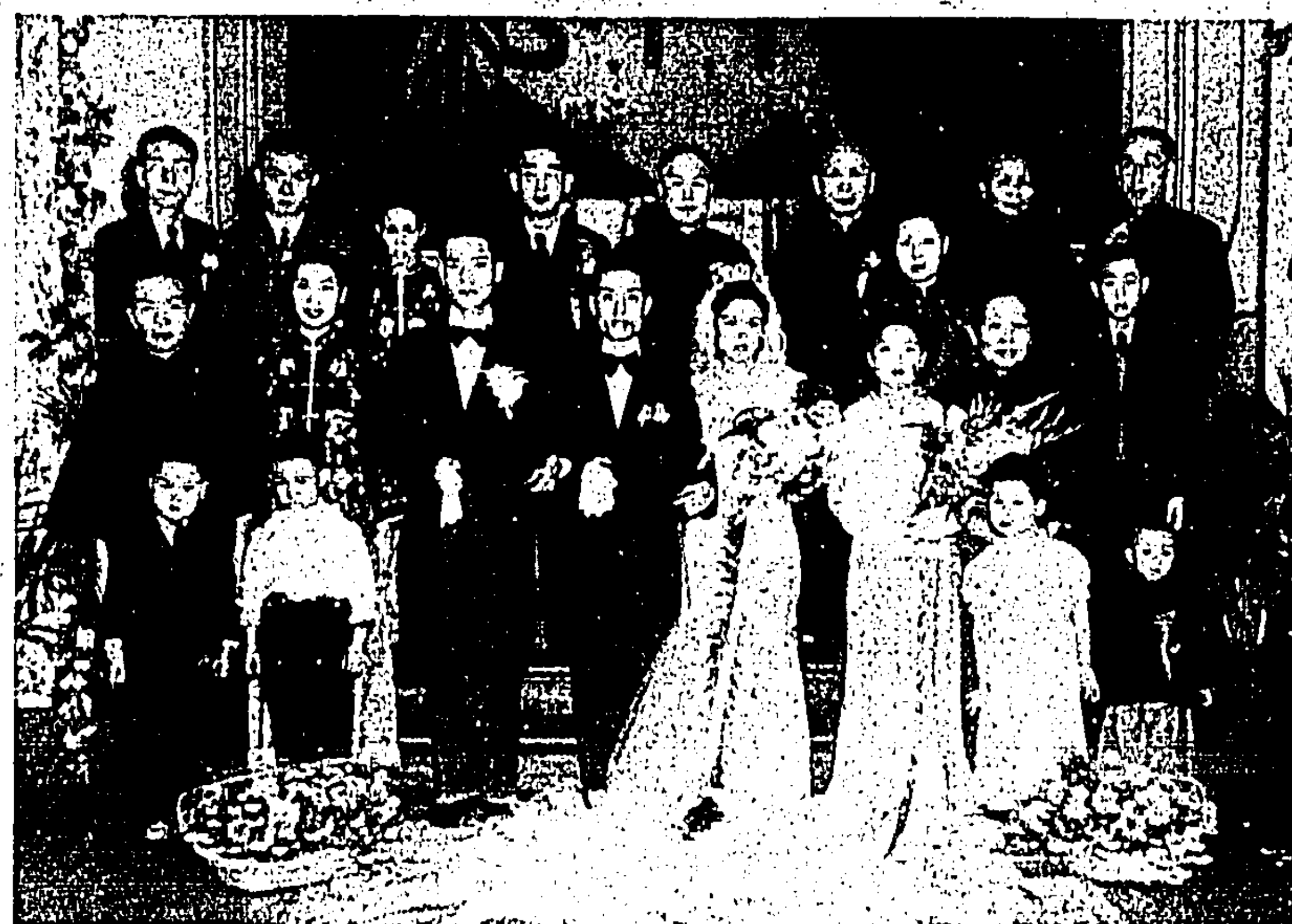
CHINESE SOCIETY WEDDING—The marriage of Mr Ng Kun-shing, son of the late Hon. Mr Ng Hon-tso, former member of the Legislative Council, and Miss Look Sau-lin, took place on Monday at the Hongkong Hotel, where this picture was taken after the ceremony. The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, who officiated, is seen in the centre of the back row behind the happy couple.



WAH YAN REUNION—Group photograph taken at the "At Home" given by the Wah Yan College Old Boys' Association last week-end. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



CHAMPION COMPANY—Photograph shows officers and men of "A" Company, Royal Scots, who won the Inter-Company competition for 1940/41. The above picture was taken at Mount Austin Barracks. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



POON-LUK—The wedding of Mr Poon Hing-chow and Miss Luk Lai-har took place last week at the St. Francis Hotel. The newlyweds and relatives are pictured above after the ceremony. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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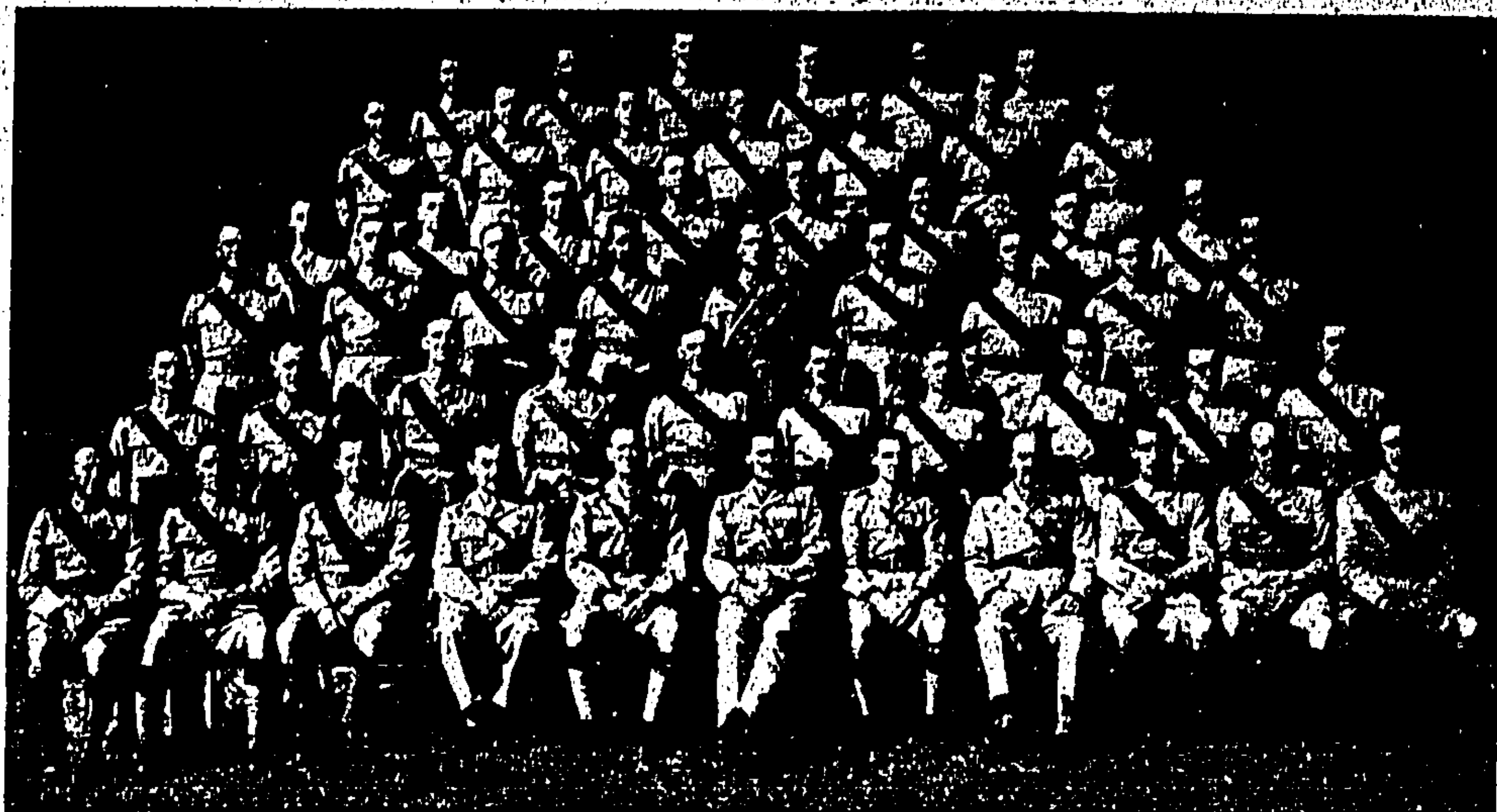
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CHILDREN'S SPORTS—Boys of the Christ Church Boys' Club who took part in the sports last week-end are seen in the photograph above. Church members who officiated at the events are (from left to right):—Mrs F. E. E. Booker, Mr F. Abbas, the Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, Mrs Dorothy Lee and Mrs C. C. Anderson. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



THE SERGEANTS' MESS of the 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, photographed recently, with Lt-Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., in the centre. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



CHAN-LING—Photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr Chan Hon-bun, manager of Choong Wo and Company, and Miss Ling Mui-chun. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

STAFF AND STUDENTS of the Junior Technical School, a vocational school maintained by the Hongkong Government Education Department, are seen in their annual group photograph on the left. (Photo: New-foundland Studio).



MAK-LAI—Mr Mak Wai-fong, of the Medical Department, and his bride, formerly Miss Lai Tak-chun, pictured after their wedding recently at the Registry. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



YUE-LEUNG — Mr and Mrs Yue Chan-fook, formerly Miss Loung Woon-wah, after their wedding at the Registry last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



HO-CHENG—Group photograph taken at the Kam Ling Restaurant on the occasion of the marriage of Mr Ho Shiu-to, son of Mr and Mrs Ho Yiu-kau, and Miss Cheng Lan-fong, daughter of Mr and Mrs Cheng Wing-tai. (Photo: Wah Kiu).



GRADUATE NURSES—Group taken at the recent graduation of student nurses of the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals. The Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, and Mrs Smith, are seated in the front row with Mr Lee Iu-cheung, chairman of the Board of Directors. Other distinguished visitors included the Hon. Mr R. A. C. North, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, the Hon. Dr Li Shu-fan, Mr Ho Kom-fong and Mr Ma Tsui-chiu. (Photo: Wah Kiu).

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Charlie McCarthy:



(Oval) Charlie McCarthy confides to Bergin that he has just given an engagement ring to a "lovely, lovely, lovely" girl. Bergin sternly warns him that he had better learn how to make bread pudding—as it's all the McCartys will be able to afford, Charlie's weekly allowance from Bergin being 75c. Bergin offers to teach Charlie how. (Right) A worried Charlie pays close attention to the cooking lesson. But bread pudding seems all set to him. "Bergin," he sighs, "marriage is a very serious step."

An Exclusive Interview By
TAMARA ANDREEVA

Hollywood. Arrangements were made with Charlie over the phone. "Don't come before eleven," he piped. "Bergin and I were out late and I don't like to be caught napping."

"The Woman in My Life"

There was a tussle at the other end of the wire. Then came Bergin's voice. "Come over any time you like. Charlie will be ready."

He was. His hair was neatly parted, his tie was immaculate, every button was in place on his gray horsey jacket. He sat in a big armchair—sulking.

"Come, come, Charlie," I said, "it is a beautiful day."

"Uhuh."

"Don't tell me you have troubles."

"Uh-umm-uh."

Financial Troubles

And then it came in a rush. You see there was a little blonde girl who went to Hollywood High and wore red ribbons in her hair. Oh, she was lovely, lovely. They went roller skating every Saturday.

"Bergin only gives me seventy-five cents a week, so my budget is somewhat limited," he confessed. "Last week I had to go around mowing lawns to make up the difference."

A gusty sigh. Did I think it was really worth it?

From the corner of his eye he watched Bergin. Apparently the financial question had come up before. He sidged uncomfortably.

"Er, I do not want you to misunderstand me," he hastened to add. "I have been misquoted so often. I want you to know that I owe everything to Mr. Bergin."

Another glance darted in Bergin's direction. "As a matter of fact I could not say a word without him."

"Aren't you being a bit too modest, Charlie?"

"Oh, not a bit, not a bit. Bergin puts the words right in my mouth."

"Still it leaves you free to think the way you please," Bergin put in patiently.

Exactly, Charlie clipped him with no success. Nonchalantly, at him furiously. "The young short, I can think just as I Charlie put both hands in his lady is charming, Bergin. Ab-

please, and Mr. Bergin always says the right thing."

"That ought to make you very happy, Charlie, oughtn't it?"

"Oh, I am happy. Very happy. I am perfectly content to have it that way. In fact, I've got him just where he wants me."

Just then there was a sharp whistle outside the window. "Excuse me," Charlie said with almost courtly politeness. "It is was to go as a Wisconsin lumberjack. Bearded lumberjack."

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In a flash he was in another room and raising the window sash. Followed a quick conversation in muffled undertones. It appeared Charlie was driving a hard bargain with Stinky. It was to be a scout knife or nothing. Scout knife or no deal.

He returned to his chair rather ruffled.

"What is the matter?" Bergin asked solicitously. "Won't Stinky exchange aggies for immies?"

"Oh, it isn't that," Charlie said. "It is all right, Bergin, really it is all right."

"You are quite sure?" Bergin looked at him sharply. "I have been trying to find my new electric razor."

"Oh, really?"

"Really. And your chest of drawers is the only place I have not searched."

The Trade Is Suspected

As he rose from his chair and marched toward the chest of drawers Charlie fairly jumped out of his skin.

"Oh, Bergin," he called out in a tantalising little voice, "don't you think it is about lunch time?"

Then he turned to me. Confidently he loved to lunch at the Brown Derby. They had a check girl there. She was lovely, lovely. She never let him pay for his top hat. "Oh, Mr. Charlie, I'll remember you," she always said. (Was it because he only tipped a nickel, do you suppose?)

Bergin was still searching through the bureau drawers, engagement ring? Charlie flung "Exactly," Charlie clipped him with no success. Nonchalantly, at him furiously. "The young short, I can think just as I Charlie put both hands in his lady is charming, Bergin. Ab-

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"Must you look for your razor NOW?"

"It would be nice to find it," Bergin said.

There was no sense in looking for it, Charlie reminded him, for they had both been invited to a masked ball and Bergin icicles dripping from every word, "a bright idea struck you."

"That's right," Charlie bubbled over, then subduedly: "See here, Bergin, you were young once, too."

"Yes."

"You know then what it is—the influence of a fine woman in your life?"

"Yes."

Not getting anywhere, Charlie turned to me. He had consulted Bergin about it all once. He took Bergin into his confidence at times. Of course he, Charlie, leaned toward the sophisticated type. But it was not the type Mr. Bergin would let him spend his money on. Mr. Bergin liked the kind of a girl who could bake a pie with a kind of crust Bergin could eat.

A brief silence was again shattered by a shrill whistle at the window. Charlie fairly rolled off the chair.

"You need not go," Bergin said with deliberate slowness. "I'll see what this is all about."

"Why-er, Bergin, Mr. Bergin, I mean. Just a minute—just one little minute please—"

Firmly Bergin marched toward the window.

"I can explain, Bergin, so help me, I can explain—"

And he did. Well, if Bergin had to know, he did swap his razor for a scout knife. But honest, necessity drove him to it. He was going to hock the scout knife to buy an engagement ring.

Bergin's eyebrows flew up. Engagement ring?

A Charming Young Lady

"Yen, what is wrong with an engagement ring?" Charlie flung at him furiously. "The young short, I can think just as I Charlie put both hands in his lady is charming, Bergin. Ab-

She was lovely, lovely, he told us. She sold neckties. After spending his entire allowance on neckties, he had come back and exchanged them all. Life could be very complicated sometimes.

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The One Woman

Bergin was quite fussy about pies. The only kind he liked were those baked by his mother. "In a way I like her pies too," Charlie said, "for one of them is really responsible for everything I am to-day (and don't let Bergin tell you any different)."

"This is how it all happened. Mrs. Bergin (Bergin is really my partner's name, but you couldn't make HIM tell you that) was baking a pie. Bergin was only a kid then. Suddenly he throw his voice right into the oven, making the pie talk. It was telling her that it was burning up in there and wanted to come out. Mrs. Bergin was terribly surprised. She took the pie out, quick. Bergin was delighted. And then," Charlie added with a wide grin, "he got an idea. About ME."

So when he thought back to it all, Charlie was beginning to believe that it was Mrs. Bergin who really was the woman in his life.

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The fact that more than two million copies of the Oxford pamphlets have been sold since the series started in July, 1939, shows, among other things, that brevity is the soul of propaganda. The matter of these pamphlets is uniformly compressed within thirty-two pages.

None more interesting has yet appeared than Mr. Clarke's frank account of the blockade, brought up to date to meet the new situation created by Germany's virtual control of the whole continent. Coffee, tea, and cocoa are lacking, fats are deficient, but Germany is not going to starve; for Europe is 91 per cent. self-sufficient in food. But other commodities essential to the war and the congested railways are shown in this little book to justify Mr. Churchill's prognosis that from the summer of 1941 the Axis Powers will feel their weaknesses, and by 1942 will feel them so much that the British offensive may be decisively launched. The financial factor, however, is curiously not examined.

Mr. Giles excellently compresses the appalling facts about Hitler's machinery, and Professor McNair faces the dilemma produced by the need of good faith in keeping treaties, and the parallel need of revising them in the light of changed circumstances. He makes some practical suggestions.

Mr. Tolischus was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in May last for his war-time despatches from Berlin to the "New York Times." He was also expelled from Germany: a not surprising fate for one who so drastically exposed the inhuman suppression of every trace of personal liberty in a country whose Government aimed only at fashioning by foul means "the most formidable, ruthless, determined, and ambitious instrument of power the world has seen." Much of this material is familiar. Mr. Tolischus adds some interesting evidence about the German war machine during the

BOOKS

"Oxford Pamphlets on World Affairs, Numbers 36, 37, and 38." The Gestapo, by O. C. Giles; War and Treaties, by Arnold D. McNair; and Britain's Blockade, by R. W. B. Clarke. (Oxford. 3d. each.)

"They Wanted War." By Otto D. Tolischus. (Hamish Hamilton. 10s. 6d. net.)

"Twenty Years' Armistice— and After: British Foreign Policy Since 1918." By Sir Charles Petrie. (Eyre and Spottiswoode. 7s. 6d. net.)

"The War for World Power." By Strategicus. (Faber and Faber. 10s. 6d. net.)

"Why England Slept." By John F. Kennedy. (Hutchinson. 3s. 6d. net.)

actual war; and even contrives to add something interesting to what was already known about the dual character (private and public) and "hypnotic" performance of Adolf Hitler.

Sir Charles Petrie contributes to these forbidding problems some hard home-truths about Britain's shortcomings during two historic decades, and a sober plea for adequate vision in the opportunities to come. Britain, he says, can neither "dissociate herself from the mainland of Europe" nor "dominate it by force, for the Dominions would not support such a project." Sir Charles is at any rate constructive and is well worth reading, for the problem is hard enough, and intelligence to-day is unfashionable.

Strategicus is concerned exclusively with military operations. He writes the story of the war from the invasion of Poland to the evacuation from

Dunkirk. It is the first volume in what is promised as a serial history, to be issued periodically. The author is the military critic of the "Spectator." He prefaces his narrative with a survey of the political as well as the military circumstances that preceded and led to the war. All the theatres, including Finland, and all arms, naval, military, and air, are included. Written so closely upon events, it gives a dramatic, well-proportioned and clear narrative of the scattered and at times chaotic campaigns.

"Why England Slept" is the work of a last-year student of Harvard University, whose dual purpose is to analyse the defects of democratic institutions in the face of military challenge, and to warn America not to be caught napping in her turn—"asleep at the switch," as he puts it. It is a cogently argued plan, well-balanced and informed.

"Diary of a Public Schoolmaster." By S. P. B. Mais. (Lutterworth Press. 3s. 6d. net.)

Mr. Mais, who taught in public schools in the days before there was broadcasting to be done, has had another try at it since the war broke out, and these are his impressions. He is surprised to find how little has changed either in the nature of boys—"the same incorrigibly untidy, forgetful, bone-lazy rascals"—or in the teacher's art. No progress appears to have been made in imparting zest to the process of learning, nor in some reforms of easier application.

Mr. Mais hints a doubt of whether the public school system will survive the war, but, if it does, he is strongly in favour of a re-arrangement of the calendar, closing all schools between Christmas and Easter, when colds and epidemics are rampant, and making up the working time out of the rest of the year. His style of authorship is, as usual, interesting and shamelessly personal.

Torpedoes Used at Taranto

It is now known that the Fleet Air Arm's attack at Taranto was made with torpedoes, and its success illustrates how effective those weapons are, against even the heaviest ships, when skillfully and resolutely handled. Some bombs may have been dropped, too, but the use of protective nets by the enemy, mentioned in the last *communiqué*, shows that it is torpedoes that he fears most.

The dropping of torpedoes from aircraft has often been illustrated in published photographs, which show that the aeroplane comes down to less than mast height for the drop—much closer even than for dive-bombing. The attackers had thus to brave both a protective balloon barrage and short-range A.A. guns, and the fact that they only lost two aircraft is evidence of the high standard of skill achieved.

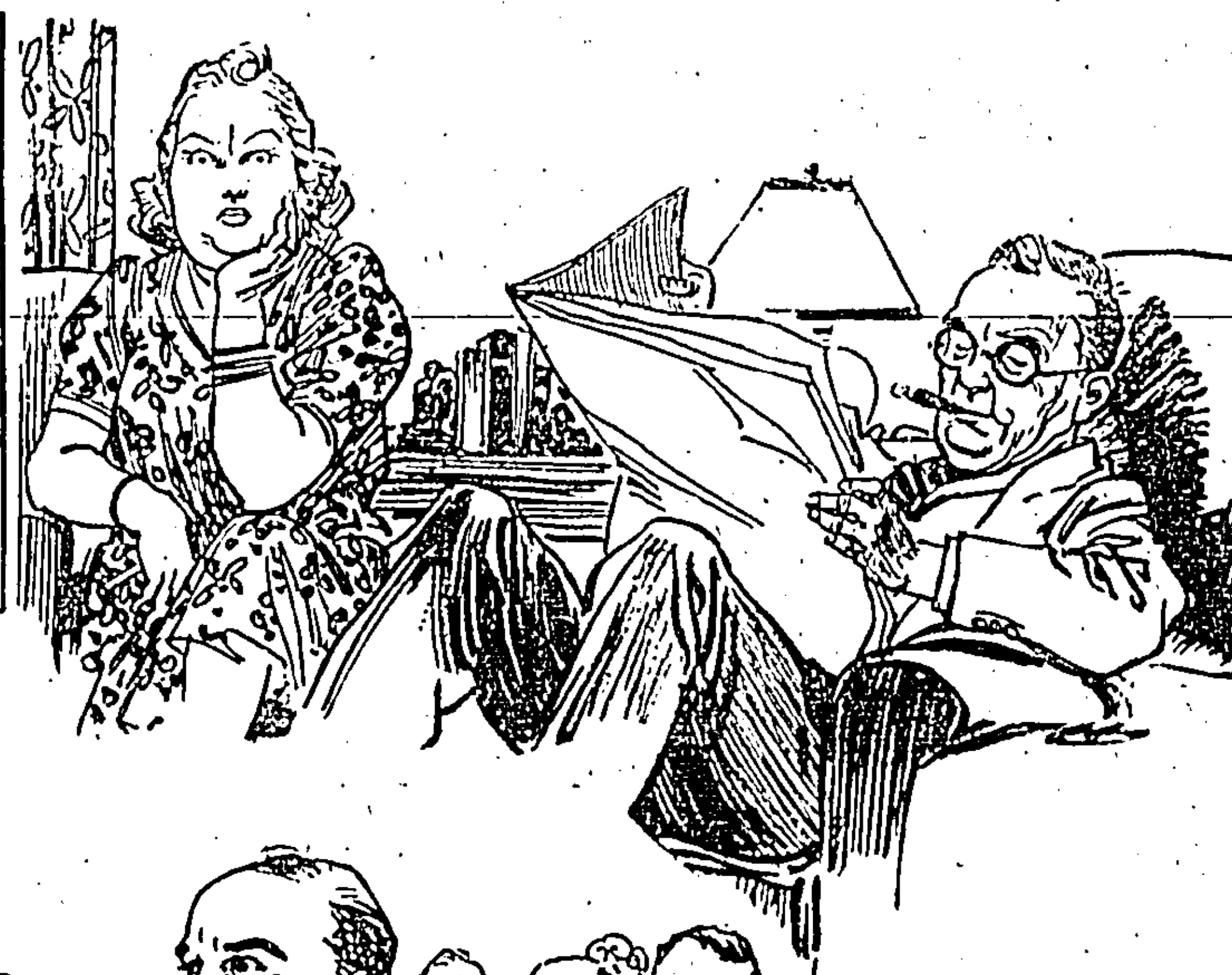
The "four shapes" seen under water in the inner harbour are presumably the two cruisers and two auxiliaries reported earlier.

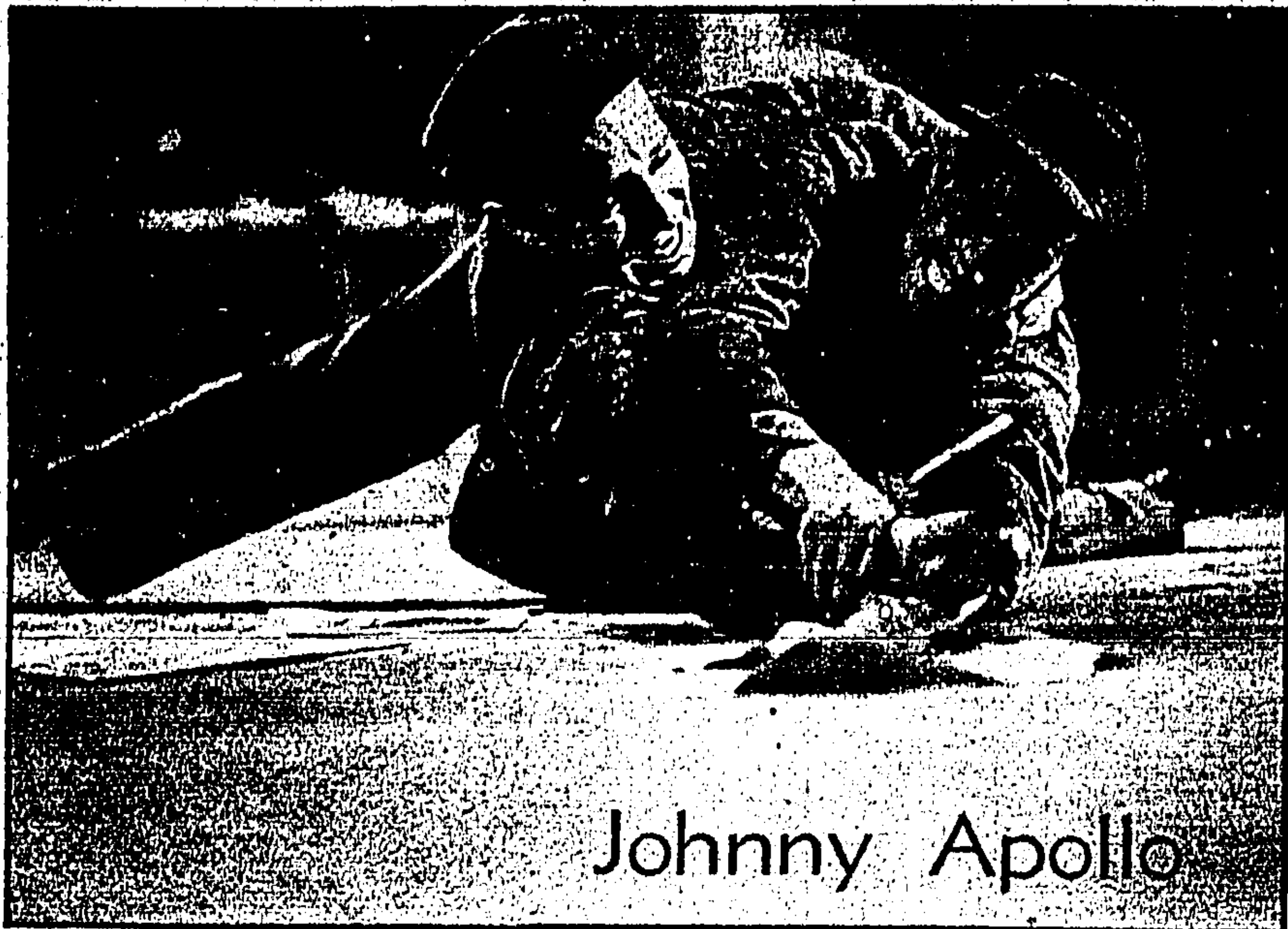
The second *communiqué* also illustrates the high value of the aircraft carrier to the Fleet. Though the range of the enemy's bombers would seem to be insufficient to cover the whole Mediterranean, that is not true of his reconnaissance aircraft. If they are efficiently handled and undisturbed they should be able to report every movement of Admiral Cunningham's Fleet to the Italian Command. Thanks, however, to the high standard of the fighters provided for the Fleet's protection by the carriers, it has become an exceedingly dangerous thing for an Italian reconnaissance aircraft to venture within sight of it. The carriers do a good deal to neutralise the geographical advantages—from the point of view of air reconnaissance—that the enemy possesses.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Husbands

BY KEMP STARRETT





Johnny Apollo

"March of Time" Film Exposes Nazi Tyranny

More than a year and a half ago, "Time" and "Life" and "March of Time" started to make a feature-length motion picture — "The Ramparts We Watch."

This utterly new kind of movie was inspired by the increasingly ominous trend of world events. It sought to re-create for the civilised world the great crisis that faced a scant generation ago and to examine certain inexorable forces threatening to plunge the world again into war.

It soon became evident that vital to such a film would be scrutiny of a German production called "Baptism of Fire"—the new Nazi propaganda film produced by the German State Film Trust and designed to terrorise, demoralise and soften up for conquest Norway, Rumania and Low Countries. The film was also shown effectively to King Carol of Rumania.

SEIZED BY THE BRITISH

In July 1940 vast quantities of Nazi propaganda material were seized by British Control Officers at Bermuda, Gibraltar, Hongkong and Port Said. Among the seizures were prints of this notorious Nazi propaganda film "Baptism of Fire."

It was later discovered that Nazis recruited Fifth Columnists as a result of the screening of "Baptism

Of Fire" and New York agents of the German State Film Trust admitted screenings for Nazi sympathisers in New York, Chicago, St Louis and Milwaukee.

THE REICH SAYS "NO"

In September 1940 Nazi officials sought to ban this terror film as "unfair to Germany." A spokesman of the German Embassy at Washington said "Baptism of Fire" when shown as part of "The Ramparts We Watch" is misleading and the rights to show their picture in this way must be denied.

In an interview Louis de Rochemont, of "March of Time," said: "Title to 'Baptism of Fire' was obtained from the British Government through the transfer by the British Allen Property Custodian of a copy of the film which had been seized in Bermuda."

GERMAN THREAT

"March of Time" and RKO Radio as distributor, besides certain customers who had booked "The Ramparts We Watch" were immediately threatened by "legal action and reprisals" emanating from the German Embassy at Washington, and reportedly inspired by Baron Ulrich Von Gienanth, Nazi Embassy Secretary, acting through Ernest Hepp, a Nazi agent.

George Schaefer, President of RKO Radio said that Nazis had hinted at reprisals to be taken against a European Company which is an affiliate of a certain American exhibiting chain which has booked "The Ramparts We Watch."

Through all of the arguing "March of Time" refused to bow to what it described as "Nazi censorship" and Ufa Films, Inc., official distributor of German films in the United States, formally notified that it had arranged to sue for an injunction to restrain further use of the "Baptism of Fire" shots in "The Ramparts We Watch" on grounds of infringement.

OBSTACLES DEFIED

Undeterred, "March of Time" declared it would assume the defence of any action brought against RKO Radio or any exhibitor customers.

Major George Fielding Elliot, noted military analyst who conceived "The Ramparts We Watch", in an interview stated: "When incorporated in 'The Ramparts We Watch', the Nazi film 'Baptism of Fire' takes on a meaning which the Germans did not foresee. Instead of terror it inspires in the hearts of free men and women a hatred of Nazi methods and a grim resolution to defeat them."

So now—despite all obstacles, protests and threats of the German Government "The Ramparts We Watch" is being shown in the way it was conceived... an illuminating inspiring portrayal of the fateful years that began in 1914 and a forthright, mighty revelation of the kind of savagery that to-day imperils the civilisation of free men.

The picture will shortly be shown in Hongkong.

Movies

Hollywood Producing Gayer Pictures

Hollywood is concentrating on films can still be shown to free peoples, for entertainment both tune-ful and gay. The movie-makers explain that the reason is to-day's need for bright, gay, colourful shows to help take our minds off the troubled times. What is happening in Hollywood is nothing less than a seemingly concerted move on the part of every studio to produce entertainment at its brightest and gayest.

At MGM they are making "Ziegfeld Girl," with James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr for the romance and Judy Garland and Tony Martin for the songs. RKO Radio has three musicals, two nearly completed, a third starting and the fourth in preparation. About ready for preview are Anna Neagle's "No, No, Nanette," and Bob (brother of Bing) Crosby's "Let's Make Music," with "They Met in Argentina" getting under way.

"Sunny" in the offing. Paramount has two song and dance shows before the cameras, headed by Bing Crosby's "Road to Zanzibar," Deanna Durbin is singing her way through "Nice Girl" at Universal. At MGM they are making "Ziegfeld Girl," with James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr for the romance and Judy Garland and Tony Martin for the songs. RKO Radio has three musicals, two nearly completed, a third starting and the fourth in preparation. About ready for preview are Anna Neagle's "No, No, Nanette," and Bob (brother of Bing) Crosby's "Let's Make Music," with "They Met in Argentina" getting under way.

Picturegoers Want It

So it goes, with the screen making more musical productions than ever before. But the renaissance is far from haphazard. Behind it lies a weight of data showing that un-settled world conditions have prepared the American public, and the public of the British Empire where

Result was their melodious "Irene," now soon to be followed by the "Harbach and Youmans" "No, No, Nanette." Barely will they complete that than Miss Neagle will go before the cameras in "Sunny." But these are not like the musical productions of a few years ago. Hollywood no longer puts the emphasis on the lavish and showy, oftentimes to the detriment of other factors. Instead, as Wilcox is doing, movie-makers are streamlining their new type musicals for laughter and speed. Supporting Miss Neagle in "No, No, Nanette," for instance, are Roland Young, Helen Broderick and Zasu Pitts, which just goes to show the

"The Thief of Bagdad" Showing Here Soon

All Hollywood turned out in brilliant style for the opening recently of Alexander Korda's "The Thief of Bagdad," at the Cathay Circle Theatre.

This extraordinary Arabian Nights technicolor adventure story, which is the King's Theatre's big show for Chinese New Year, represents more than twenty-four months of work at a cost of some \$2,000,000. The entire proceeds of the premiers have been divided between the Motion Picture Relief Fund and the British-American Ambulance Corps.

Producer Korda's intention to make a motion picture that would transport audiences from reality into a world of magical adventure has brought forth such new screen figures as the flying horse, the famous winged carpet of Bagdad, the giant genie, the mysterious goddess, the all-seeing eye and the temple of light.

Leading roles are played by Sabu, the East Indian lad of "Elephant Boy" and "Drums" fame, as the film immensely.



Dance, Girl, Dance

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Kill
- 2-Mineral spring
- 3-Black
- 4-Takes food
- 5-Prentice three
- 6-Unsprung spring
- 7-Division of Norway
- 8-Blender corrupt
- 9-Devoiced
- 10-Travelling over water
- 11-Pine belief
- 12-Cheese covering
- 13-Large plant
- 14-Venereal
- 15-Number
- 16-That thing
- 17-Pin
- 18-God
- 19-Lingered
- 20-Dangerous
- 21-Set for work
- 22-Irritate
- 23-Vance the detective
- 24-Of
- 25-Lumber
- 26-Loop
- 27-Disgrace
- 28-Cliff's name
- 29-Other of a pair
- 30-Hick's home
- 31-Cook in fat

DOWN

- 1-Remain erect
- 2-Scolded person
- 3-Hebrew letter
- 4-Dog (Hebrew)
- 5-Carrier
- 6-Over upon
- 7-Heaven (Hebrew)
- 8-Tin can
- 9-Period of time
- 10-Illuminated
- 11-Part of Shannon
- 12-Tomb
- 13-Southside of
- 14-Harvest
- 15-Cross letter
- 16-Incline head
- 17-Kash's boat
- 18-Dessert
- 19-Chicken
- 20-Gradually slower
- 21-Imaginary
- 22-Hole in chest
- 23-Fish
- 24-Motto
- 25-Storm
- 26-Schism
- 27-Disgrace
- 28-Wild pig
- 29-Name
- 30-Wait aware
- 31-Nok on
- 32-During lapse of
- 33-Mother

37-Again

38-Ornate

39-Thibetan priest

40-Ported pipes

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